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High-speed trial service is a good start, says MP

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COMMUTERS in Maidstone will finally be able to use the high-speed rail service after it was confirmed a trial will get under way in May.

But many who travel to London regularly were left stunned after under-fire operator Southeastern secured a two-year extension to its franchise after hitting performance targets.

However, news of the service from Maidstone West to St Pancras in just 50 minutes will provide some relief and was welcomed by county town MP Helen Grant.

She said: "My fellow Kent MPs and I have made considerable efforts to gain something positive from Southeastern and they have clearly acknowledged more needs to be done to support our commuters.

"While I understand this is still not the return of the much missed city service, and that St Pancras will not be the ideal destination for many, this is a good start."

The trial service will commence on May 23 and comes as a result of changes on the North Kent line to improve punctuality of services.

The new service will consist of three departures from Maidstone West in the morning, at 6.56am, 7.26am and 7.56am. The return journeys will depart St Pancras International at 5.14pm, 5.44pm and 6.14pm.

The new services will call at Strood, Gravesend, Stratford International and St Pancras International, with journey times of approximately 50 minutes.

There will also be one service in the morning departing St Pancras International at 6.25am to Maidstone West. In the evening there is one

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FULL TILT: Trial high-speed bullet train services between Maidstone West and St Pancras International will begin in May, reaching the capital in less than an hour

Our rescue heroes back from Japan

KENT'S search and rescue crew have returned to Maidstone after helping in the desperate hunt for survivors in the aftermath of Japan's earthquake and tsunami.

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The first queen of disco wins award

THE UK saw an explosion of interest in disco dancing in the late 1970s after the release of the now classic film Saturday Night Fever – and many young men saw themselves as budding John Travoltas, complete with white suit.

And to satisfy the demand to copy the star's moves Maidstone-based dancer Anne Lingard founded what is believed to have been the country's first disco workshop.

Now 79 years old, Anne has received a Carl Alan lifetime achievement award for services to the arts.

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Disco diva Anne, 79, picks up top award

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WHEN the UK saw an explosion of disco fever with the release of the film *Saturday Night Fever* in the 1970s, Maidstone dancer Anne Lingard founded what is believed to have been the country's first disco workshop.

Now 79, Anne has received a Carl Alan lifetime achievement award for services to the arts.

"The Carl Alan Awards are the Oscars of the dancing world, and it's a great honour," said Anne.

"When the film came out, it was the first time many people in this country had been exposed to that sort of dance and they wanted to learn how to do it.

"But if you look at the film closely you will see that shots of Travolta are all very short when he is on the dance floor. That was because he wasn't really a dancer.

"The moves don't really flow, the camera angle cuts frequently, and although the music is continuous, the moves are not.

"So teaching how to dance like John Travolta was a challenge. Even the classic arm raised pose was different every time he adopted it."



DANCING QUEEN: Anne Lingard with Angela Ripon. Right, John Travolta

Anne broke down the screen moves into separate movements so that her students could recreate them.

"As the steps on screen do not flow into one another I had to break it all down into learnable moves.

"Disco was incredibly popular at the time and some schools which stuck with Latin and ballroom were forced to close. I wanted to make sure disco was available to learn just to keep a school open."

Released in 1977, *Saturday Night Fever* starred Travolta as Tony Manero, a young man whose week-

ends are spent at a Brooklyn disco. Karen Lynn Gorney co-starred as his dance partner.

The film showed how dancing helped him to temporarily forget the reality of his life – a dead-end job, clashes with his parents, racial tensions and his associations with a gang of macho friends who were always on the look out for trouble.

The story is based upon a 1976 article by British writer Nik Cohn, *Tribal Rites of the New Saturday Night*, published in *New Yorker* magazine.

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NIGHT SHIFT: Comedian Joe Pasquale with some of the phone team

Joe joins Comic Relief volunteers

COMEDIAN Joe Pasquale joined Kent County Council staff on Friday as they spent the night taking phone donations for Comic Relief.

Based at the Contact Centre at Invicta House in Maidstone, about 90 volunteers took 3,000 calls from 7pm until midnight, which raised about £125,000, with an additional 40 volunteers helping to make sure the evening ran smoothly.

Pasquale, from Rochester, who took calls and helped hand out food to volunteers, said: "I've never done anything like this so I was looking forward to it. It's a great cause and I'm pleased I could lend a hand."

Local businesses in and around Maidstone helped out by donating food for volunteers in addition to balloons and T-shirts, which contributed to making the evening such a success.

High-speed rail service

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service departing at 7.13 from Maidstone West to St Pancras International.

Passengers will continue to be able to travel twice an hour from Maidstone West to St Pancras International in 59 minutes, changing at Strood.

Existing services to and from Rochester and Faversham will be diverted. To ensure Rochester receives the same number of trains, Broadstairs services will call additionally at Rochester. These services will be increased to 12 carriages.

Cllr Bryan Sweetland, cabinet member for environment, highways and waste at Kent County Council, said: "Commuters from Maidstone have suffered from a worse rail service since December, 2009, and the delivery of this peak-period high-speed service, direct to Stratford and St Pancras, will be welcomed.

"KCC will continue to argue the case for an all-day high-speed service in the new franchise which is due to be awarded in 2014."

Southeastern was told its franchise would now run until March 31, 2014, after hitting performance criteria set by the Department of Transport in its franchise agreement.

However, critics point out figures were enhanced by the high-speed services running from Ashford.

If the trial proves a success, a full service is expected to be incorporated later this year.

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Pictures: KENT FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

Quake heroes return

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The seven-strong crew flew back to the UK on Saturday after spending three days searching through the rubble in the stricken towns of Ofunato and Kiamichi.

Operation commander John Mazzei said that despite the extensive search of both towns and the surrounding areas they were unable to find any survivors.

"We spent three days searching two towns in northern Japan, where tens of thousands were missing," he said. "The conditions were challenging as many hundreds of houses had been washed away."

The crew was made up of specially trained firefighters from Kent Fire and Rescue Service who helped form the 63-strong UK International Search and Rescue Team.

Armed with specialist equipment capable of penetrating concrete and thermal imaging cameras, listening devices and sniffer dogs, the team got down to work after their arrival in Japan on Sunday, March 13.

Despite the risk of radiation contamination from the stricken Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power station, they pressed on in the desperate search for survivors until the window of opportunity of finding anyone alive started to close.

Kent's team leader Alan Downes said: "We were faced with a scene of total devastation in Ofunato, the community had lost everything, but they were extremely supportive,



TOUGH JOB: Top: Searching through the rubble and ruins. Centre: Kent's Urban Search and Rescue team, from left: Dave Hudson, Alan Downes, Heather Heath, Dean Langley, Matt Scott, John Mazzei, Steve Partington. In front is Cheshire FRS USAR member Steve Buckley with his rescue dog, Brin

expressing their gratitude for our efforts, which was very humbling."

Joining Mr Downes and Mr Mazzei in their rescue efforts was firefighter Dean Langley, from Sevenoaks; firefighter Matthew Scott, from Maidstone; crew manager Heather Heath, from Folkestone; and watch manager Dave Hudson, from Broadstairs, plus a KFRS technician.

At least 13,000 people are believed to be dead or missing following the earthquake and tsunami and some 450,000 have been staying in temporary shelters.

Heavy snowfall and falling temperatures six days after the start of the disaster led the UK and US rescue teams to call time on their mission as the chances of finding survivors was thought to be very slim.

Following discussions with the Japanese disaster authorities the

international crews agreed not to extend their rescue operations and withdrew from Japan last Friday.

Director of operations at KFRS Steve Demetriou said he was proud of the Kent team and delighted they were back safely.

"They are specially trained search and rescue firefighters and we are pleased their experience has been used [in Japan]," he said. "They experienced some very difficult conditions and are truly special people to be able to work in these situations."

"Our thoughts are with the Japanese as they continue to come to terms with the disaster and to try and rebuild their shattered lives."

International development minister Stephen O'Brien also heaped praise on the team: "People in Kent should be proud of the team's professionalism, dedication and courage."

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New Archdeacon is unveiled

THE Church of England has confirmed the appointment of a new Archdeacon for Maidstone.

The Reverend Canon Stephen Taylor MBE, currently Canon Provost of Sunderland Minster and an Honorary Canon of Durham Cathedral, will start his new role in September.

Rev Taylor, 55, who has also chaired the Sunderland Local Partnership since 2006, will hold additional responsibility for the church's work engaging with communities in Kent, including forming partnerships with the county council, local authorities and voluntary sector organisations.

Describing the role of Archdeacon of Maidstone as "very special", he added: "I am hugely looking forward to working in Canterbury Diocese. I look forward to working with the deaneries in the Maidstone Archdeaconry, supporting

and encouraging them. I am also excited about my role in the communities and partnership network."

Bishop of Dover Trevor Wilmott said of his appointment: "I am delighted Stephen has accepted my invitation to be the next Archdeacon of Maidstone. With 25 of the ministry in rural, semi-rural and urban settings, a strong track record of working strategically with local authorities and third sector organisations, Stephen brings many gifts, experience and real passion to this role."

The appointment of Canon Stephen Taylor follows the restructuring of the diocese and the creation of a new third archdeaconry in the diocese. The move by the Venerable Philip Down to become the first Archdeacon of the new Ashford Archdeaconry, created the vacancy in the Maidstone Archdeaconry.

Rev Taylor has been a vicar for over 25 years.

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Party's top brass clash over battle of Medway

EXCLUSIVE

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A POLITICAL dog-fight has broken out as the Conservatives and Labour battle for power in Medway.

Labour was wiped off Kent's political map at last year's general election, with every seat now in Conservative hands and the party has eyeballed the district, home to three MPs, as key to its resurrection.

Shadow chancellor, Ed Balls, recently visited Gillingham and more high-profile visits are expected ahead of the May council elections.

The visit has prompted the Conservative Party's chairman, Baroness Sayeed Warsi, to get involved.

"The Conservatives in Medway are protecting vital frontline services for more than a quarter of a million residents," she said.

"Labour left the region in an economic mess and we will be fighting for every Conservative vote."

It followed a rallying cry from Mr Balls on a visit to MidKent College to deliver a keynote speech to party supporters.

"We had some really good MPs [in Medway] and they took a pounding," he said during the rally. "We took a hit and we have to put our hands up to that."

"But without Medway and other seats in the South East we can't regain power. Winning back trust is a priority."

Mr Balls claimed the Medway regeneration project had "gone into reverse" since Labour had left office and warned without it the local economy would continue to slow down.

And the former education secretary lambasted the Government's decision to "pull the plug" on the Building Schools for the Future project, branding it "very unfair on governors, parents and children".

"Economically it doesn't make any sense," he told more than 100 party members.

"Construction firms were relying on the schools contracts at a time when fewer hous-



WAR OF WORDS: Labour's Ed Balls and Tory Party chairman Baroness Sayeed Warsi

es were being built. It was keeping people in jobs and creating apprenticeships. It's a decision that's served an unfair burden on the taxpayer. People voted for cuts but not on the scale they have been and not as fast."

Rehman Chishti, MP for Gillingham and Rainham, branded Mr Balls' visit a cynical marketing ploy.

Eligible

"Medway is my home; it's where I live, grew up and went to school," he said. "To Ed Balls Medway simply represents target seats - constituencies Labour want to win back."

"The Medway electorate made it quite clear they'd had enough of them at the general election when Ed Balls' government left our country on the brink of bankruptcy."

Medway council elections are due to take place in 22 wards and 11 parishes on Thursday, May 5.

Meanwhile, Canterbury City Council's Conservative leader faces a threat from disgruntled students.

Both Labour and the Liberal Democrats are set to stand a student against council

leader John Gilbey in his Blean Forest ward.

The constituency incorporates the University of Kent's Canterbury campus - home to 3,720 students who are eligible to vote.

Traditionally turn-out in council elections has been poor but the student union says it expected numbers to rise after launching a student voting campaign.

Councillor Gilbey, who holds the seat with fellow Tory, Hazel McCabe, said he welcomed democratic challenges.

Man, 54, stabbed to death at house

A MIDDLE-aged man and woman have been found with serious stab wounds in a house at St Margaret's at Cliffe.

Police were called to the property in Ash Grove, between Dover and Deal, on Wednesday shortly after 8am and a 50-year-old woman and 54-year-old man were taken to hospital.

The man died later that day. The female is critical, but stable.

Officers do not believe anyone else is connected with the incident, although investigators are awaiting the results of the post-mortem.

Widdy's TV Q&A

PIERS Morgan is to quiz Ann Widdecombe in the next series of interviews as part of his Life Stories series.

The former tabloid newspaper editor, who recently replaced Larry King as host of one of America's most popular chat shows, flew back into the UK from the States this week.

He confirmed he would be filming interviews with the former Maidstone and Weald MP, as well as former Baywatch and Knight Rider star David Hasselhoff.

New store on isle?

SHOPPING complex Westwood Cross looks set for another major store.

Plans for a new two-storey retail unit, believed to be Primark, at the Broadstairs site have been passed to Thanet District Council officers to approve, subject to a legal agreement being put in place.

The application, for a non-food store, totalling 6,500 square metres split over two floors, was considered on Wednesday night by the council's planning committee.

Education chiefs bemoan huge cuts to their budgets

A UNIVERSITY and a college in Kent have been named as the biggest casualties in government funding cuts for education in the South East.

North West Kent College of Technology was hardest hit, seeing its funding from the Higher Education Funding Council for England (HEFCE) slashed by 19.2 per cent.

And the vice-chancellor of the University of Creative Arts hit out after learning her budget had been cut by 7.8 per cent - more than any other university in the region and among the highest nationally.

Professor Elaine Thomas accused the HEFCE of unfairly targeting the creative arts. She said: "As a specialist creative arts university we have been hit disproportionately by the cuts to university teaching grants."

"We are disappointed at this, given that we have experienced unprecedented high levels of applications and demand is strong nationally for graduates in creative subjects."

"Even during the recession, the creative industries have continued to grow. Our number one priority in the face of funding reductions is to protect the student experience."

"We are in a strong financial position and we will be working hard to generate efficien-

cy savings without compromising our staff-to-student ratio or the cutting-edge facilities that our students have come to expect."

North West Kent College of Technology principal David Glead remained upbeat despite the cuts. He said the growing demand for vocational courses at its Gravesend and Dartford sites had offered financial protection.

He said: "While any cut in funding is disappointing, the college is working with a number of partners on a significant expansion of its higher education work, particularly around sustainable construction and other related programmes."

Other Kent universities fared slightly better than UCA.

The University of Kent (UKC) received a four per cent cut in funding, while Canterbury Christchurch University (CCU) saw funding drop by 2.3 per cent.

HFCE grants make up around 40 per cent of a university's budget.

The University and College union has raised fears funding cuts could see some departments, including humanities and the arts, at more risk than others.

UCA said it was likely tuition fees will rise as a result of the cuts.

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THE INTERVIEW



BY NICK AMES

Role with a vital message

ACTOR Duncan Preston, arguably best known for his work in such TV shows as *Dinnerladies* and *Emmerdale*, is taking to far more troubled waters in his latest role.

Preston, 64, plays the virtuous Deep South lawyer Atticus Finch in *To Kill A Mockingbird*, which is playing at The Churchill Theatre in Bromley in the week ahead.

It is 50 years since the Pulitzer Prize-winning novel by Harper Lee, on which the play is based, was published.

It tells the story of life in an American small town through the eyes of a child.

Brother and sister Jem and Scout Finch are growing up during the Great Depression, but their idyllic childhood innocence is shattered with the realisation that bigotry and prejudice rule in the town of Maycomb, Alabama.

'Atticus thinks like I do and his attitudes are mine, in many ways. I have a kind of affinity with him'

They become the victims of gossip and abuse when their father, Atticus, defends a young black man falsely accused of raping a white woman.

The original book was a key text for the American civil rights movement of the 1960s, and is a favourite of US president Barack Obama.

Preston said: "I played the role of Atticus four years ago, but this is a different production. The character Scout, who narrates the original work, is portrayed here as an older person – recalling what happened. As for playing my part, you couldn't ask for a better role on stage."

"There is certainly something about Atticus Finch."

"He thinks like I do and his attitudes are mine, in many ways. I have a kind of affinity with him and hopefully that'll come across to the audience. It's a bit like playing myself, but with an American accent."

"I think if I was a lawyer I would do what he did, go for the truth and trust the jury to make the right decision."

"The challenge of the role is just like any other [part] – making the character believable. This is an iconic story so it is a privilege to be part of it."

"People really love the work, it's almost like a sort of Bible. Sometimes before a production starts, there will be kids in the audience, they'll be shouting and bawling and you think, 'oh we've got a right lot here'."

"But within five minutes they are gripped and with the story. When the courtroom scenes comes with its verdict you can hear a pin drop, the silence is so great."

Preston has visited the southern states of the USA including a trip to the cultural melting-pot of New Orleans, post Hurricane Katrina.

"It was a sort of working holiday," he said. "I was on a cruise and doing some talks. But I loved the place, there was so much history and the people, even after that natural disaster, were so full of life."

Regarding the production, Preston said he is keen the underlying message is still understood by audiences today.

He said: "You hope you send people out thinking that we've given them lots of things to think about, and that they've watched a great story that's gripping."

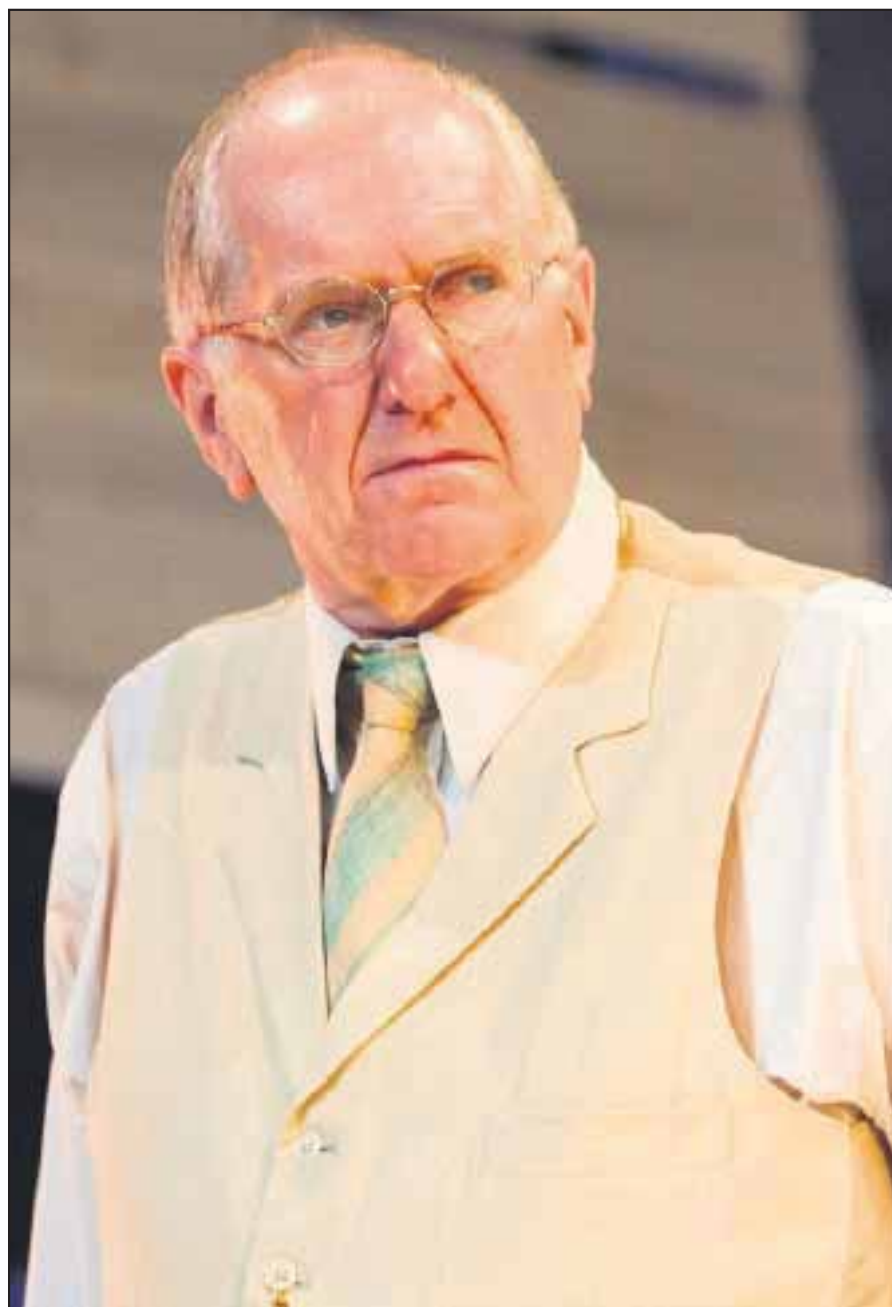
"The play is about taking people as you find them and that's a message that needs to be heard. This world, this country, it can be pretty vicious."

"So trying to educate people is very important. If we can stop one person from being like that (having racist views) then it has definitely been worthwhile."

"Before I began working on this role I had never read the book. I feel guilty about not reading it as a child, in fact, as I really think I should have. I feel it should be compulsory for children."

"I understand why the writer Harper Lee never wrote another book – I think she said everything she wanted to say in this work. It's a brilliant piece of writing."

• To Kill A Mockingbird is at The Churchill Theatre in Bromley from Monday to Saturday, March 21-26. Tickets are available by phoning 08448 717620 or online at www.ambassador-tickets.com/bromley.



CHALLENGE: Duncan Preston as Atticus Finch in Harper Lee's *To Kill a Mockingbird*

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Butterflies 'at risk' as climate change ends hibernation too early

By **JILL HURST**

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CLIMATE change and the erosion of the green belt are driving the butterfly to extinction in Kent.

Mild weather is prompting the insect to emerge much earlier from hibernation, but the plants it feeds on will not yet have grown.

This Peacock butterfly (pictured) was snapped by wildlife photographer and conservationist Kerry King last week in Sandling Park, near Hythe – six weeks earlier than expected.

Mr King says global warming is not the only threat to the creature's survival.

He explained: "Urban development, modern farming techniques and poor woodland management are some of the reasons our resident butterflies are on the decline.

"Ten years ago it would have been unheard of to build on greenbelt land, but with an ever-growing population, councils are under pressure to give it up to property developers, so natural habitats are being wiped out."

Mr King says he fears instability in



Picture: KERRY KING

EARLY: Beautiful Peacock butterfly spotted in Sandling Park last week

weather patterns will only make matters worse, as nature reserves around the Kent coast – including the Isle of Sheppey and New Romney – are lost to the sea.

"Experts predict the tide will be 10ft higher within the next 20 years and parts of the Kent coast will disappear. It's not just the butterfly that will be lost, but many other species too."

Research recently published by the Wildlife and Countryside Link indicates the Government is still failing

to stop the decline in UK wildlife.

Dr Martin Warren, chief executive of Butterfly Conservation, said "This is a damning report that shows the UK's wildlife is still in a dire state. Although the process has galvanised some excellent projects, overall progress has been strangled by lack of resources for nature conservation.

"The latest round of Government cuts will make it far more difficult to turn this round. We need more action and more resources."





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Jobs threat in trusts merger

AN NHS boss has said merging two of the county's biggest hospital trusts is the only way to deliver healthcare fit for the 21st century.

But hundreds of jobs could go if Medway Foundation Trust and Dartford and Gravesham Trust unite as one body.

Unison, the public service trade union, said it was concerned patient services would be affected. But Mark Devlin (pictured left), chief executive at Medway NHS Foundation Trust, said the merger would enable the trusts to extend the range of clinical services offered.

Acknowledging job losses, Mr Devlin said core departments, including A&E and maternity, would not be affected.

He said: "Across north Kent and Medway our populations are growing, as are their increasingly complex healthcare needs.

"Exploring ways to modernise local hospital services within the challenging economic environment is a necessity, not an option,

if we are to deliver 21st century healthcare.

"An integration of the trusts could lead to a strengthening of essential services at both hospitals and improved access to more specialist services.

"There will be long-term savings from sharing management and other support services, which can be reinvested elsewhere in the local NHS."

A spokesman for the trust said increasing financial pressures combined with greater demands from Government had led to speculative talks on a merger to start more than a year ago.

"Both trusts said the priority continued to be the safe and effective provision of healthcare to patients.

"Before any merger, the trusts will hold a public consultation involving patients, governors, GPs, commissioners and local authorities.

They will also need to gain approval from the Department of Health.

Jacko's ferry



ON BOARD:
Jackson meets
Pride of Dover's
Capt Hammond

READERS from around the world have been shedding light on this remarkable photograph of the King of Pop, Michael Jackson, *writes Marijke Cox.*

It pictures the late singer on a Dover to Calais cross-Channel ferry, shaking hands with Captain Pat Hammond on the Pride of Dover.

And since we put it up on our website and featured the snap on the front of our online-only sister title YourDover, it has triggered some fascinating stories.

It is thought to have been taken in June/July 1987 as the US star dazzled sell-out crowds across Europe with his tour promoting the multi-million selling Bad album. Remarkably, the photographer who took the picture, long time P&O snapper Basil Kidd, called him "Malcolm" after getting the

singer's name confused with a friend of his.

Commenting on www.kentnews.co.uk after we urged readers to help discover how Jackson came to be on the ferry, Mr Kidd's son, James, wrote: "The picture was taken by my dad, Basil Kidd, a freelance photographer who worked for P&O in the 1980s.

"He was using the ferry as the weather was too rough to fly to Paris. A little known fact is that Dad, clearly out of touch with popular culture, called him Malcolm as he had a friend, Malcolm Jackson, in the Marines. I think Michael was quite taken aback by this faux pas!"

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fan forum, a spokesman from Mr Jackson's estate said the singer did a lot of exploration on his days off while touring and could well have wanted to see the famous White Cliffs. The photograph was uncovered by archivists at Dover Harbour Board.

Chris Laming, communications director at ferry firm P&O, said he remembered Mr Jackson's visit.

"Our sales team got a call from Michael's people to say he was on the way within the hour, en route to the continent as part of a tour, and could we make arrangements so he and his entourage would have some peace and quiet on board," he said.

"We had function rooms on the Pride of Dover, so we put them in there. The photo was taken by a great character from Deal, Basil Kidd."

The former Royal Marine, who took pictures for more than 40 years, died in 2008. A book was released by Judith Davies, called Basil's Deal, showcasing his work.

The picture appeared on the front page of the now defunct Today newspaper in 1987, but has rarely been seen since.

Its discovery this week set the Jackson universe chatting.

On www.mjjcommunity.com, after an appeal by Archant KOS Media for information, one poster wrote: "Due to bad weather he had to take the cruise instead of flying. He kept a low profile and the 2,000 passen-

gers on board had no idea he was travelling." Mr Jackson died in 2009.

The image was revealed by a team at Dover Harbour Board: Chris Knight, Bob Wainwright, Andy Rintoul and retired Ian Rintoul.

They want to preserve the history of the port for future generations and are cataloguing 42 photo albums dating back to the 1880s.

Other images to emerge include actresses Catherine Zeta Jones and Pam Ferris, taken at the port during filming for The Darling Buds of May. The popular TV series was shot at Pluckley, just outside Ashford.

Also among the finds was a letter from wartime Prime Minister Winston Churchill written on January 1, 1941, thanking staff at Dover Harbour Board for their good wishes and recognising the sacrifices of the people of Dover during the war.

The team's work, which is voluntary, is entering its third year, with advice from archivists at Dover Museum, Kent Archives and Canterbury Cathedral.

It began when Mr Knight and Ian Rintoul noticed some of the photo albums were deteriorating.

The pair felt action should be taken to preserve them for staff reference, local knowledge and heritage.



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Mother's grief at GP's cancer error

By **STEVE KNIGHT**

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A GRIEVING mother is calling on the NHS to carry out regular GP reviews after her late son's doctor failed to spot cancer warning signs.

Jordan Terry, from Erith in Bexley, had a mole on his lower back that later developed into malignant melanoma and spread to his groin, lymph system and bones.

But his local doctor repeatedly failed to recognise the cancer that caused the 23-year-old's death in January, 2009, and was later told by the General Medical Council that his fitness to practice was impaired.

Now Mr Terry's mother Karyn, whose 23-year-old daughter Courtney is battling a rare kidney cancer, is calling for GPs to be regularly assessed to ensure no other families have to suffer.

She said: "Jordan was an amazing person who had everything to live for – great friends, a steady job, a loving family and an amazing girlfriend who he had dreams of starting his own family with.

"It's heartbreaking to know if he'd been diagnosed earlier and treated properly, he could have gone on to live a full and happy life. But that chance was taken from him.



TRAGEDY: Jordan Terry with sister Courtney, who is currently battling kidney cancer

"I want the NHS to do everything in its power to make sure what happened to Jordan can never, ever happen again, by making sure GPs are regularly assessed to

ensure they're fit to practice."

Mr Terry visited his doctor in July, 2005, but was advised his mole was fine after being treated with cryotherapy to freeze and

remove it. He returned twice more over the next two years when the mole returned, but still the GP failed to suspect it could be cancerous. Last year, Mr Terry's bereaved family obtained a substantial out-of-court settlement from the Medical and Dental Defence Union of Scotland, which represented the doctor.

The legal action was brought by negligence experts at Irwin Mitchell, with the family represented in court by solicitor Rebecca Cherry.

She said: "Although the settlement will not bring Jordan back, I hope it will help his family get an element of closure so they can try to move on and rebuild their lives.

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"To get full closure, the family need assurances a tragedy like this won't happen again and that steps are being taken to assess doctors regularly throughout their careers to make sure they are fit to practice in the interests of patient safety and saving lives.

"Jordan was not treated by a GP new to the field but by an experienced family doctor who had been practising for many years, which demonstrates that regular reviews are essential for new and experienced doctors alike."

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A COUNTYWIDE investigation has been launched after two attempted ram raids in the early hours of Thursday. At 1.13am, police were called to the BP filling station in Rye Road, Hawkhurst, after reports that offenders were attacking the garage's cash machine using a chainsaw.

When officers arrived the offenders had already left in a Jeep, heading towards Sandhurst and the Sussex border. No money was taken.

Then at 2.38am, police were called about another ATM being attacked at the Maidstone services, at junction eight of the M20, near Hollingbourne, after four men in a grey Cherokee Jeep smashed through the main causeway and attempted to remove a cash machine. However, they abandoned the attempt and drove across a field towards Hollingbourne. Police are appealing for information.



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AS THE world looks on at the horrifying aftermath of Japan's earthquake, Kent's search and rescue heroes push on in the desperate search for survivors before all hope is lost.

Kent Fire and Rescue Service's (KFRS) seven-strong team, who were flown to Misawa and then on to the stricken city of Ofunato last Saturday, know the window of opportunity of finding people alive is rapidly closing.

Assistant director of operations Sean Bone-Knell said the first five to six days after a catastrophe were the most vital.

"After that, when there's not a great deal of hope of finding anyone else alive, the team will move on to the recovery phase, which means finding bodies," he said.

Despite poor communications, the 63-strong UK team, including Kent's crew, was able to make contact with home earlier this week.

Group leader Peter Stephenson said the team had moved 30km north of Ofunato to Kamaishi, where 1,000 people were reported missing.

Searching through heavy snow and rubble, three bodies were recovered but no survivors found.

Rescuers race to find victims in the rubble

MARIJKE COX looks at the brave team from Kent sifting through the rubble of a Japan facing up to life after the devastating earthquake and tsunami...

Talking earlier in the week, Mr Stephenson said the team had to work during daylight hours only due to lack of power.

"The UK team are working near their colleagues from the United States and they are in radio contact with each other," he said.

"Kamaishi still has 1,000 people missing, but so far the UK team has only recovered three deceased."

Kent's urban search and rescue team is made up of 46-year-old station manager John Mazzei, from Pembury; firefighter Dean Langley, 46, from Sevenoaks; firefighter Matthew Scott,

from Maidstone; crew manager Heather Heath, from Folkestone; watch manager Alan Downes, from Broadstairs; and watch manager Dave Hudson, also from Broadstairs.

The seventh member of the team is a KFRS technician.

Mrs Heath is the only woman in the British search and rescue team.

Speaking to a national newspaper from Ofunato, the 38-year-old, who volunteered to join the team 12 years ago, said: "We never know what we are going to find until we get there. We're just praying there is someone

still alive.

"I volunteered for this to help people. Sometimes they have nothing. When we were driving here, I saw two women crying when they spotted us. They were so grateful and it really touched me."

Ofunato, with a population of 42,000, was one of Japan's many towns and cities on the east coast left devastated by the disaster.

The earthquake measuring 8.9 on the Richter scale triggered a tsunami which wiped out thousands of homes, leaving half a million people homeless.

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LITTLE HOPE: Cars and boats lie strewn amongst the wreckage of the town of Ofunato

Japan's death toll is rising rapidly, with more than 15,000 reported dead or missing. There are fears the figure could rise to about 100,000.

Throughout the week, the Japanese military continued its efforts to cool the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear plant, following several explosions caused by the earthquake and tsunami. Fears were of a catastrophe to rival Chernobyl.

A spokeswoman from KFRS said the situation regarding potential radioactive contamination was being carefully monitored.

"Plans have been put in place to ensure the

safety of the team should the situation develop," she said.

Expert scientific advice showed there was no risk of radiation contamination to the UK International Search and Rescue team, who were deployed more than 130km away from Fukushima nuclear plant.

The crew is using specialist equipment that can penetrate concrete and metal to gain access to victims.

They also have thermal imaging cameras, listening devices and sniffer dogs.

'Skyscrapers swaying like trees in the wind'

THE leafy calm and tranquillity of Tunbridge Wells seems like a world away for Jack Pudelek.

The 24-year-old traded life in the spa town a little over a year ago to move to Japan; teaching English in Kanagawa, south of Tokyo.

Speaking exclusively to this newspaper, Mr Pudelek said many of his friends were already fleeing south amid concerns over leaking radiation.

Mr Pudelek, who went to prep school at Babington House in Chislehurst, said: "The problem with the nuclear power station in Fukushima has many people anxious. We are being told we have planned power cuts due to the power shortage and need to conserve power.

"Certain places will have no power for three hours at a time.

"The Japanese citizens are very strong and resilient and their reaction to the quake has been remarkable and admirable.

"I was on the second floor of a coffee shop

in Machida on the outskirts of Tokyo with a friend when the first quake hit.

"To begin with it felt as if my chair was being kicked by the old lady behind me so I moved it and continued my conversation, but I suddenly realised, as the shaking grew bigger and the building began to sway, that it was an earthquake.

"Knowing earthquakes are pretty normal in Japan and having felt a few smaller ones since my arrival, I tried to ignore it and continue my conversation. Then I realised my Japanese friend looked a little panicked and old ladies were beginning to exclaim.

"Outside, the street was filled with people and several had looks of shock and fear on their faces. I began to realise this was not your average earthquake and something more serious.

"I had been in touch with a friend in Saitama who told me he was in a tall skyscraper and could see other skyscrapers swaying like trees in the wind."



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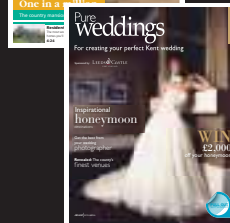
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Drug dealer back in jail after police raid house



CONVICTED: Nikki Keat and Karl Allen

A DRUG dealer jailed two years ago for his part in a gang peddling illegal substances on the streets of Chatham, is back behind bars after pleading guilty to a new offence.

Karl Allen, also known as Karl Coker, 22, formerly of Lonsdale Drive, Gillingham, was jailed for four years at Maidstone Crown Court. He pleaded guilty to being concerned in the supply of a class A drugs.

Allen was arrested when police raided an address in Perry Street, Chatham, last September, where he had been known to be staying.

Nikki Keat, 25, also of Perry Street, was arrested during the search. She was charged with possession of a class A drug with intent to supply. Keat pleaded guilty and was jailed for 15 months.

Allen was jailed for three years in January, 2009, in a case that saw a network of drug dealers operating in the Chatham area jailed for a combined total of 37 years.

Speaking after the court case, Detective Constable William Mclearie said: "Having previously been convicted of drug offences, Karl Allen has clearly not learned from his mistakes and was caught once again being involved in class A drugs on the streets of Medway. Due to his continuing offending, the judge has imposed a longer sentence, to ensure that he is unable to carry on being concerned in the supply of class A drugs."

"This case should act as a clear warning to others that Kent Police will continue to take drugs off the streets of Medway and prosecute those involved in the trade. We would encourage anyone who suspects drug dealing to be taking place in their local community to call police immediately."

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NEW ROLE: The minibus is handed over to Kent Search and Rescue, who will use it as a mobile control centre

KENT Police have donated a decommissioned police minibus to Kent Search and Rescue (KSAR), *writes James Benjamin.*

KSAR is a voluntary organisation that offers a special service to the police, RAF Search and Rescue Units, other emergency services and local councils throughout Kent, and the rest of the UK if called upon.

KSAR is manned by volunteers and is operational 365 days a year. Activated at the request of emergency organisations, they help track missing and vulnerable people.

When the minibus was decommissioned, officers at force headquarters saw a chance to put it to good use.

Chief Inspector Simon Black from the force contact and control centre said: "The volunteers at Kent Search

Police minibus gift boosts rescue crew

and Rescue are a very special group of people. At Kent Police we are extremely grateful for the assistance they offer, both to us and to members of the public all across the county. Kent Search and Rescue's need for a new control vehicle coincided with this minibus being decommissioned, and it is a gift from us to say thank you for all the hard work they do on behalf of the people of Kent."

David Ivatt, operations manager at Kent Search and Rescue said: "We will convert the minibus into a mobile control vehicle that can be

used throughout Kent, and will be used every time we are deployed to an incident. We had been fundraising for a new vehicle but were looking at having to pay about £30,000. This donation means that we will now be able to spend the funds we had raised on extra equipment."

Chief Superintendent Alasdair Hope, from Kent Police's tactical operations group, said: "We're delighted that the minibus is going to a good home where it will have a new lease of life helping individuals and families across Kent."



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**MOVING
IN:** Tesco
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Traders' dismay as superstore approved

SUPERMARKET giant Tesco has won permission to build a store in Hawkhurst, despite widespread objections.

Tunbridge Wells Borough Council turned down the original application, saying it would have "a detrimental impact on the vitality and viability" of the village centre.

But Tesco appealed against the decision and the Planning Inspectorate said the scheme should be allowed to go ahead.

It will see the former Arriva bus station in Rye Road demolished and replaced with a new branch of the supermarket.

The borough council also objected over concerns about increased traffic at the already-congested A268/A299 junction, concerns shared by Hawkhurst Parish Council.

Chair of the parish council, Keith Brown, said: "We are concerned because you cannot have an 82-space car park and not have a far greater movement of traffic."

"There is another car park a short distance down the road, it's going to be like a clash of the Titans."

Howard Cox, chair of the Weald Business Association (WBA), said retailers in the area feared they would lose out to the buying clout and prices of the supermarket.

He said: "We recognise that Tesco will bring employment and increase footfall, but they

are going to go to Tesco. That's my worry."

"They are already getting one in Staplehurst, we are going to be surrounded by Tesco stores. I think it has a place, but they are destroying small villages and towns."

One of the conditions attached to the planning permission is the store cannot open a pharmacy or fresh-food counter.

But Mr Cox said local butchers, grocers and off-licences remained concerned about the impact on their businesses.

Mr Brown said: "We felt the building was ugly and it would cause immense traffic problems and we are still of that opinion."

"In the report it clearly states there will be no impact on local traders, but that is absolutely impossible. Of course it will. We feel very concerned that we are going to lose the balance we have here."

"We have very good produce shops with a butcher, a greengrocer and a delicatessen. They have a hard core of followers, but they are certainly going to lose out."

Tesco says the store will increase shoppers for other traders and said no evidence suggested other businesses would lose out.

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LIGHTS will go out around the globe next weekend for this year's Earth Hour. But Kent is lagging behind the rest of the nation when it comes to people signing up to take part.

According to the Earth Hour map, hosted by the World Wildlife Fund (WWF), Kent is 79th out of 107 areas across the UK. Neighbouring East Sussex is 39th and Surrey an

Earth Hour's timely reminder

impressive 10th.

However, not everyone is turning their back on Earth Hour, which aims to raise awareness of climate change by switching off lights for an hour.

In previous years Canterbury

Cathedral has been plunged into darkness, along with Westminster's St Stephen's Tower – which houses Big Ben – to mark the event. Among those taking part will be Swale Borough Council. All non-essential

lights in Swale House, the Sheerness district office and the Alexander Centre in Faversham will be switched off.

Council leader Cllr Andrew Bowles said: "Swale is pleased to be

supporting Earth Hour for the third year in a row.

"If everyone turns out all non-essential lights in their homes and workplaces for just one hour it will be one small step in symbolising what can be achieved to tackle climate change."

Earth Hour starts on Saturday, March 26, at 8.30pm.

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ARCHANT KOS Media, publisher of this newspaper, has relaunched and renamed its property channel – www.propertyforkent.co.uk – and is now powered by the leading property search and information business, Zoopla.

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HOTPLATE: Meals will be piping hot at the Pembury Hospital restaurant

Serving up perfect tonic – rather than one tasteless joke

THINK hospitals and one of the first things people will joke about is the quality of the food.

Mass catering rarely takes plaudits for its culinary delights and for generations now the quality of the food served to patients has been criticised. What's more, recent figures from the NHS reveal more people than ever are leaving hospitals malnourished.

A recent Channel 4 Dispatches programme raised serious concerns about patients not getting the right quantity or nutrition from food and elderly people being left with no help to eat. All in all, a problem.

The new Tunbridge Wells Hospital at Pembury has been labelled a 'super' hospital – built under a private finance initiative (PFI), it cost £234 million and is the first in the country to have all single en-suite rooms. But

With just months to go until the new Pembury hospital opens, reporter **JENNA PUDELEK** was invited to sample some once notoriously suspect hospital catering to see if the food on offer could get her taste buds tingling



does the food match the appealing hotel-like interior and forest views?

Keen to show that not all hospitals serve up the kind of slop seen in the Channel 4 programme, Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust invited us along to sample what they offer patients.

To sum up, it wasn't at all bad. Yes, the courgettes were a bit mushy and the penne pasta a long way from al dente, but as the catering team pointed out, the majority of those eating it will be elderly sick people.

It wasn't tasteless and I would def-

initely go back for the summer fruits crumble. There also appeared to be a lot of thought going into planning menus, thinking up the sort of 'comfort food' people might want if they are ill and making sure it is nutritionally balanced.

Given the scale of the catering operation involved, it was never going to be haute cuisine, but it is impressive.

Sitting over coffees in the hospital's rather swish restaurant – don't try mentioning the word canteen here – Pat Demian, the trust's gener-

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al manager of facilities, and Paul Rhodes, the hospital's catering manager, talk about the menu.

Mrs Demian, who promises I will sample "exactly the same" food as the patients, said: "I've stayed in several hospitals and compared to some this is very good."

The 512-bed hospital, which opens fully in September, has 10 wards each with a 'regeneration kitchen'. No, it's not something out of a sci-fi movie, but staffed by three members of the catering team who look after patients' meals and dietary requirements. The regeneration kitchen allows food to be heated up just yards from the patients' beds. When I'm taken up to one of the regeneration kitchens it's all very shiny, new and chrome, with a large, hi-tech, hotplate trolley containing a selection of the hospital menu.

THE two-week menus are being redesigned before the big opening in September, so at the moment the choice of food is the same across the trust's hospitals, the Kent and Sussex and Maidstone. The trust spends £3m a year on catering services. Plans for the new menu at Pembury include adding specific children's options, Mr Rhodes said.

Food is provided by a company called Apetito, which specialises in providing a frozen-meal delivery service for hospitals and care homes.

Offerings include puréed meals for those having trouble swallowing, choices for those with allergies, gluten-free diets, high-protein soups, meals for people with diabetes, low-fat choices, vegetarian choices and a few vegan options. There is provision for halal and kosher diets, too.

Among the meals on offer are traditional favourites such as cottage pie, fish pie, stews, meat and gravy, mashed potatoes, and corned beef hash. There are also salads, vegetable bakes, salmon and quiche, and various desserts.

Mrs Demian said a recent survey found 90 per cent of patients thought the food was acceptable or above.

"We now have a catering assistant based on each ward who will be speaking to patients on a daily basis," Mr Rhodes said. "They will report back any comments."

Mrs Demian described the meals as "comfort eating" designed to "make you feel good".

"Most hospitals give patients a menu card," she said. "Here they do not have to choose until the meal is in front of them."

Asked how staff members ensure patients who need help eating are fed, they said their trays are marked in red. It all sounds good, although it's hard to know whether the experience of patients matches my own.

Asked whether it would be tastier all round if cooked freshly on site rather than heated up, Mrs Demian said: "The regeneration system gives great flexibility."

"Frozen food has a bit of an image problem, like hospital food. But it has moved on so much that the freezing technique holds all the nutritional value in the food. Because it is prepared in the regeneration kitchen, it comes out piping hot."

"The nutrition content is actually better than traditionally cooked food."

Up in the regeneration kitchen, Elaine Hasker, Apetito's catering consultant for the South East, talks us through the lunch options

including tomato soup (very good), chunky vegetable, chicken and vegetable casserole, corned beef hash, fish pie, pasta provencal (tasty, although slightly overcooked), summer fruit crumble (lovely) and custard (good, not lumpy, and loaded with extra vitamins, I'm reliably informed).

Asks whether the company was concerned about environmental issues such as using fish from sustainable sources, she said: "We are trying to reduce some of the cod we use and we are looking at moving over to hake and pollock."

"It is an ongoing exercise. Our product management team and full-time chefs look at food technologies and work on developing sustainable products so we do as little damage to the environment as possible."

Pembury has an enviable dilemma in this respect. With private rooms all equipped with flat-screen televisions, the level of basic care is going to be head and shoulders above that of the old-style wide, long, open wards that, for example, the Kent & Sussex has.

The bar will be raised so high that any shortfall will be frowned upon.

Perhaps we, as patients, need to lower our expectations a little, too. It may, after all, look like a hotel, but perhaps expecting restaurant-quality food is a little unrealistic. At least it's moving in the right direction.

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SWISH: The Pembury restaurant is no old-style hospital canteen

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Exhibitors buoyed as holiday fever hits

'Phenomenal' response sees crowds flock to travel show

THOUSANDS of people turned out for Archant KOS Media's celebrated Travel and Leisure Show, *writes Marijke Cox.*

For a fourth year running Dover Cruise Terminal was packed out as people flocked to the annual event on Sunday to plan a holiday or day trip with advice from leading travel companies and groups.

Visitors were treated to presentations from industry experts as well as information from a French contingent who took part in the show for the first time since it launched in 2007.

Fabulous

Guests were also in with a chance of winning from one of more than 100 top prizes including a two-week cruise courtesy of Fred. Olsen Cruise Lines and weekend breaks in the UK or France. Other prizes included entry to some of the county's most popular attractions and dinner at a selection of top French restaurants.



Tickets for West End musical Les Miserables, overnight stays at leading hotels and B&Bs, and falconry lessons at Quex Park in Birchington were also up for grabs. The winners will be notified shortly.

KOS Media events manager Liz Hare said the show was "phenomenal".

"Exhibitors were saying it was even better than last year and some were already talking about coming to next year's show," she said.

"It was so busy that at one point someone said it was busier than a lot of the London shows. "For the Fred. Olsen presentation it was standing room only. We were trying to squeeze people through the door.

"The Lullingstone Castle presentation went really well too – people came out saying how fabulous the speaker was and that they could have listened to him all day.

"I'm so pleased. It was even better than expected."

The show coincided with the start of British Tourism Week which aims to raise awareness of the importance of Britain's visitor economy.



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Cathedral marks Woodard's birth

THE bi-centenary of an education visionary will be celebrated in Rochester on Monday.

Nathaniel Woodard was a Church of England priest who founded 11 schools with the aim of providing an education founded on "sound principle and sound knowledge, firmly grounded in the Christian faith".

To mark the 200th anniversary of his birth a special commemorative service takes place on March 21 at 9am at Rochester Cathedral.

An associate member of the Woodard Corporation, King's Rochester will participate in a whole school Eucharist at the cathedral, simultaneously with all other schools in the Woodard family around the world.

The Woodard Corporation aims to continue the work and ethos of the man from whom it takes its name.

Archant KOS Media's ever-popular event



CROWD-PLEASER: Dover Cruise Terminal hosted the Archant KOS Media Travel and Leisure Show which was attended by thousands eager to plan holidays abroad or trips in the UK



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LETTER OF THE WEEK

Fewer police, more violence

The recommendation to slash police overtime, combined with the cutting of 1,500 posts in Kent, can signal only one thing – the Coalition Government has adopted a new approach to crime which is soft on crime, soft on criminals.

No amount of spin or double talk by politicians can hide the reality of these measures. Reducing police posts, whether on the frontline or in the back office, will only lead to crimes going undetected, more criminals getting off scot free and police morale sinking to an all-time low.

Here in Folkestone, this idiotic reduction in policing can only result in the town becoming less safe by day and more dangerous by night.

Justice Secretary Ken Clarke exemplifies just how soft the Government has gone on crime, and how much he and his cabinet colleagues are placing us all at risk.

People carrying illegal knives, he tells us, should not now be locked up unless they use those knives – a policy that totally failed to stop a pitched knife battle in our midst on Marine Parade, and one that resulted in the fatal stabbing of someone who came to the country to seek our protection from the violence and lawlessness that so tragically ended his life.

An unfortunate incident, we are assured by Damian Collins MP, that will not be repeated in Folkestone now that young asylum seekers have been dispersed around the county. Time will tell, but I very much doubt he is right.

Sadly, it doesn't take a genius to work out that with 1,500 fewer police posts in the county, crime will increase, and so will the chances of more pitched battles in Folkestone.

Softly, softly, may catch the occasional monkey but this town needs a police force that catches criminals.

Donald Worsley, Folkestone

Cut the cost of rail and buses

The UK's Carbon Plan is a 'shallow compilation' of the Government's policies and 'offers little that is new', says Green Party leader Caroline Lucas. I can only agree.

The draft plan highlights three key changes which must take place across the UK – the way energy is generated, moving towards low carbon alternatives; in the ways homes and businesses are heated, including improved insulation; and in the way people travel, including better public transport and a shift towards new technologies such as electric vehicles.

But the real problem in this plan is that our local councils are not getting enough money to make the necessary changes and create new jobs.

The draft plan, now out for consultation, has many praiseworthy features but lacks adequate finances.

The obvious example in Kent and Medway is our highly-

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OPINION: SMASHING CENSUS 'LIES'

The co-ordinator of campaign group NO2ID, **IAN TAYLOR**, explains why he believes the census is a pointless and intrusive waste of taxpayers' money

March 27 is Census Day. An awareness campaign is in full swing telling us how essential it is. About 30,000 officials have been recruited to oversee it at an estimated cost of £482 million.

This census will be more detailed than any previous ones. Daniel Hamilton, campaign director of civil liberties group Big Brother Watch said: "At 32 pages, the census includes intrusive questions on your proficiency in English, your health, when you last worked, the identities of your overnight guests and the type of central heating you have."

"This census is a monumental waste of time and money – a very intrusive way of duplicating information already available."

NO2ID has compiled a list of Ten Census Lies being promoted by the Office of National Statistics in its campaign:

1. It's essential for government and business planning.

It's worse than useless because it's expensive, inaccurate and quickly out of date. Eric Pickles said (in opposition): "Many councils have been short-changed in government funding because the last census failed to record properly the number of residents." Cabinet Office Minister Francis Maude said (summer, 2010): "There are, I believe, ways of doing this which will provide better, quicker information, more frequently and cheaper."

2. Our census data is trusted and respected worldwide.

Even if true, should we care? It is doing something essentially useless at a cost of £482m.

3. It's a great source for genealogy.

Some 100 or 200 years ago there was little record of most people's lives, hence old censuses can be useful as the only documents available. It is ludicrous to assume the same will be true in 100 years' time.

4. It's good for employment – it provides jobs.

Temporary ones. The money could be spent on something useful, supporting permanent jobs.

5. Data is confidential for 100 years.

Census forms are kept secret from the public for 100 years, but EU legislation allows the 2011 census to be shared with all 27 member states. The Statistics and Registration Service Act 2007 created powers to share the information with public bodies, and "approved researchers".

6. It will produce a high-quality estimate of the population.

The Office of National Statistics cannot assert the quality or accuracy of the answers it receives as no-one knows how many people lie in their return. The 2001 census is generally believed to have 'missed' about 900,000 men under 40.

7. Everyone should be proud of playing their part.

There is no reason to be proud of being tallied like cattle and every reason to oppose the waste. In the 1800s, census officials had to be given police protection; in 1911 the suffragettes boycotted it; and in the 1950s TV publicity told people it wasn't "another bit of snooping".

8. Communities can gain recognition.

'Official recognition' is not the same as being categorised. In 2001, 390,127 recorded their religion as Jedi. The Board of Deputies says the census underestimates British Jews, precisely because some of that community are nervous of officials knowing where they live.

9. Completion is straightforward, convenient and secure.

New questions are more intrusive, requiring details of employers' addresses, and the details of any visitors to your house, and where else they might live. This is a direct danger to people who have sensitive occupations. The online version is a perfect cover for phishing attacks.

10. Information is protected by layers of security.

Security is only as good as the shortest route to breaking it. It's impossible to guarantee no breach, and that data will be used legitimately. They cannot protect it; they shouldn't collect it.

Some questions are optional – so miss them if you wish.

Ian Taylor

Co-ordinator, NO2ID (Dover)

Also member of Big Brother Watch.



Agency costs will outrage taxpayers

COUNTY Hall finance chiefs have made no secret of the fact that government cuts have forced them into a serious tightening of the purse strings.

Kent County Council must save £95 million this year and is planning to lose 1,500 jobs over the next three to four, so every penny spent in that time must be closely scrutinised to ensure Kent taxpayers are getting value for money.

It is therefore shocking that the authority should be paying more than £2,000 a day to secure the services of just three senior members of staff.

While it is understandable that certain positions cannot be left empty, workers who earn less than that amount per month will understandably feel aggrieved if it is they who end up losing their jobs in the name of council cost-cutting.

KCC has made much of the fact its current restructure programme will eventually save £20m. But that does not mean any costs which help deliver this saving – which some of the agency deals will – are fair game.

The council says it is paying "appropriate rates" to employment agencies, but it is doubtful whether the man in the street considers £2,000 a day "appropriate".

After all, he's been told often enough that "we're all in this together".

Malcolm Jackson? Never heard of him

MICHAEL Jackson visited hundreds of destinations around the world throughout his illustrious music career.

Screaming fans followed the late King of Pop wherever he ventured, so it probably came as something of a relief when he was granted a private function room on a P&O ferry back in the late 1980s.

Nevertheless, we can't help but wonder if his trip to Dover made him feel less than the superstar he already was by that point.

After all, on how many other occasions was he accidentally called Malcolm?

priced public transport. Our rail fares increased more than in other parts of the country this January and our bus fares are absurdly high.

A rational carbon plan must include making public transport a lot cheaper.

Dr Geoff Meaden, Canterbury

Cuts in oil use way forward

Terry Hudson (Letters, March 6), clearly does not live in the same world as the current Government.

This week the Government launched a carbon plan, admitting for the first time that radical cut-backs in oil use are necessary. Kent Green Party agrees.

There are two choices: One – cut back oil use, air pollution, noise pollution, greenhouse gas emissions and imports of oil; or two – follow the Terry Hudson approach and pretend there is an immense supply of cheap oil.

Since the International Energy Agency has indicated that the world's cheap, recoverable oil

supplies peaked back in 2006, prices will rise, UK imports of oil are liable to go up and we need to make drastic cuts in oil use before expensive imported oil drags our economy down.

We are importing about 18 per cent of the oil we use now, and this will rise as our North Sea oil production continues to decline.

The carbon plan and related policies are under-funded, but there is at least some recognition that we will have to find ways to move people and freight without oil as fast as possible. Fortunately, there has been a lot of research on this.

If the Chancellor chooses to cut fuel tax, despite the drop in motoring costs of 14 per cent between 1997 and 2009, it would not be the first time a government had sent out contradictory signals.

How can people afford to cut car use when our rail fares are the most expensive in the world and bus fares are so high?

Terry Hudson needs to target the Government for its failure to ensure people have cheaper, easier-to-access public transport. And he can target them for the lack of a consistent policy to cut out fossil

fuel use from transport as quickly as possible.

Don't blame the Green Party for being the messenger; blame the Government for not getting the message a long time ago.

Steve Dawe, Kent Green Party

Climate change evidence exists

So Phil Grainger continues with his Bible-based fantasies along with Donald Worsley's New Labour ones.

Mr Grainger tries to deny man-made climate change but provides no evidence, merely saying there have been floods before. But his reference to Noah and a world-wide flood takes the biscuit.

The facts are that climate change is clearly linked to man-made greenhouse gases over the last 200 years. If fossil-fuelled industrial activity hadn't taken place, the climate would not be changing like this.

The recent link to worsening flooding has been supported by

a 20-year survey of increasing ice melt from Greenland and Antarctica just last week by the US Geophysical magazine.

Even if the warming were natural, we would have to take the same measures to cut our greenhouse gas emissions and switch to renewable energy sources and better UK flood protection as the Joseph Rowntree Trust report said recently.

Donald Worsley's lament that planning laws which prevented Lydd airport on Romney Marsh getting through unimpeded by a public inquiry are another denial, not only of the need to curtail our emissions but also to ride roughshod over local opposition to the expansion.

The answer to jobs and the deficit in this time of climate change and unnecessary cuts is to implement the Green New Deal, which could create up to a million decent jobs; and the Robin Hood Tax on financial transactions, which has just been approved by EU MEPs.

Ray Duff, Folkestone



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their beautiful daughter, Ella Grace, on 1st March 2011. Ella weighed 9lb.

RITSON

Phil and Chloe of Herne Bay proudly announce the arrival of their beautiful son, Thomas James. Thomas was born at William Harvey Hospital, Ashford, on 5th March 2011 at 1.55am and weighed 9lb 8oz.

SHEPHERD

Luke Thomas Shepherd born on the 28th February 2011. Son of Mark and Lisa Shepherd.

WINMILL

Melanie and Steven are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter Freya Clare. A sister for Luke born on 28th of February 2011 weighing 8lbs 14oz.

DEATHS

DUNN

Maureen Sylvia Patricia Dunn of Faversham, wife of Alan Dunn, passed away on 5th March 2011.

HACKMAN

Iris Hackman passed away suddenly at her home in Dover on 5th March 2011, aged 74. Loving wife of late Ron, much loved mum and nan who will be sadly missed by us all. The funeral will take place on Wednesday 23rd March, 12.40pm at Barham Crematorium,

Kent. Flowers c/o W.J. Farrier and Son (01304 201 665) or donations if preferred to Cancer Research.

HUTCHINS

Vera Jessie Florence Hutchins of Herne Bay. Vera met Bill in 1944 whilst serving in the Royal Navy, they married on 24th February 1945. Vera passed away peacefully on 7th March 2011. A much loved wife, mother and grandmother who will be so very sadly missed. The funeral will be held on 21st March at Manston at 11am. No flowers by request but donations to Age Concern, Herne Bay.

KINKEAD-WEEKES

Mark Kinkead-Weekes passed away peacefully at home on 7th March 2011, aged 79. He will be very sadly missed by all who knew him. Funeral service will take place at St. George's Church in Ramsgate on Monday 28th March at 2:00pm. All welcome. Family flowers only but donations if desired to Cancer Research UK.

PAGE

Jeanette Page, nee Andrews, sadly passed away at the Pilgrims Hospice, Canterbury, on 9th March 2011. Funeral will take place at midday on 23rd March at Charing Crematorium. She will be greatly missed by family and friends.

PAINE

Betty Phyllis Paine of Canterbury passed away peacefully at her home on 10th March 2011. The funeral will be held at Barham Crematorium on 21st March at 2pm. Family flowers only but if desired donations to Pilgrims Hospice, Canterbury, c/o Lyons Funeral Directors, Canterbury.

ROGERS

Irene May (Rene) 18th May 1928 to 4th March 2011. On Friday 4th March 2011, at The Pilgrims Hospice, Canterbury, Irene fell asleep safe in the arms of her beloved daughter Beverley. A treasured nan to her grandson Louis, adored partner to Doug and wonderful mum to Beverley. Funeral has already taken place. Irene touched the hearts of all who knew her. God bless, sleep tight, Beverley, Louis and Doug xxx

SLUDDER-ALDRIDGE

Sonny Lee, the beautiful son of Darren and Kim, came into the world on 4th March 2011 but sadly was only visiting. Sonny will be joining his brother, Jordan, and remaining in the hearts of everyone.

elected to serve, but within 12 months they fell out with the party hierarchy, joined the Conservatives but failed to seek voter approval at a by-election – a betrayal of those who in good faith had voted for them.

The only way to bring integrity back into local government in the South East will be to vote for a strong Labour presence on May 5.

John Stockham, Folkestone

Give communities the right of appeal

There is much to commend the Localism Bill for its intention to empower local communities to “take charge” of planning in towns, villages and countryside, but it is defective in one vital aspect.

A developer is permitted to appeal against a refusal of planning permission, but the community has no equivalent right of appeal.

We have asked the bill scrutiny committee to recommend a community right of appeal, as distinct from a general third party right, which would enable determined ‘nimbys’ to frustrate the system in pursuit of narrow self interest.

A community right of appeal available only to town councils, parish councils and neighbourhood forums as described in the Localism Bill, would only be permitted where consent had been granted contrary to the policies in the relevant local development framework and would be entirely within the spirit of localism.

Such a provision would go a long way to dispelling the scepticism many have about the Localism Bill.

John Walker, chairman of the Kent Federation of Amenity Societies.

Our ideas to save services rejected

There is little doubt that the 24 per cent cut in Thanet council's budget over two years will have major impacts on services.

The Labour opposition to the current Conservative administration has warned for years that staffing levels were out of control and that the council's financial reserves have been depleted to a dangerous degree.

It is frustrating to be proved right, as the council approaches the car crash that will hit next year, after the local elections.

In a genuine attempt to mitigate some of the worst of the coming damage, the Labour group proposed two cost-neutral changes to the Conservative budget.

The first of these was to impose a pay freeze on all staff while we are facing staff redundancies, and to use the money saved to reduce the number of redundancies in service areas seen as priorities by residents.

The second suggestion was for councillors to take a 20 per cent cut in special responsibility allowances, and to use the £20,000 per year generated to reinstate the community grants that councillors can use to support community groups.

This was constructive stuff from an opposition group, a genuine attempt to help. It is a real shame that it was rejected out of hand.

Cllr David Green, Ramsgate

Rethink views on wind farm plan

I attended the drop-in session on March 3, presented by Ecotricity, regarding the proposed installation of six wind turbines, each nearly 400ft high.

I was surprised to see that the Burch's Rough wind farm does not really appear to be near Burch's Rough, but more Otterpool Lane.

The company has since sent an email to all those who attended, confirming that the proposal will now be called Harringe Brooks Farm. All those

innocent residents who think it doesn't affect them may need to think again.

Unfortunately Ecotricity has yet to amend its website, which isn't a good start. Sellindge, here we go again.

Penny Knight, Sellindge

Equality fight has a long way to go

This week in the European Parliament we marked the 100th anniversary of International Women's Day by voting on a report on gender equality and female poverty in the EU.

Since the movement began 100 years ago in America, the world has made incredible progress towards recognising women's rights.

Today women have the vote, they have employment opportunities that were never open to them before, and they have the independence to make choices, rather than being subjugated in a patriarchal society.

As a woman elected to an international parliament I celebrate these advances.

But much more progress is needed. In Europe there still exists a glass ceiling for women in the business world; differences in pay are unacceptable; and we still don't see many positive senior female role models.

A poll for International Women's Day found that six out of 10 women aged between 15 and 30 have experienced sexist remarks or behaviour, and nearly half do not think they are treated equally to men.

Progress is worse across the world. In some countries women are still fighting for electoral recognition and other abuses of women's rights still occur.

Rape is used as a weapon of war, female infanticide still occurs in large parts of Asia, female genital mutilation is practiced in many countries, and intolerable controls exist over women's dress and behaviour.

Women and men all over the world must offer to help women still struggling to assert their natural rights. My work in the European Parliament is involved in the fight to free women from the gender discrimination that still condemns them, and I know that many of my constituents will support me in this work.

Catherine Bearder, Lib Dem MEP for Kent

Climb three peaks for heart research

National heart charity, Heart Research UK, is calling on everyone to join their flagship fundraiser, the Yorkshire Three Peaks Challenge, on Saturday, June 18.

Now in its 15th year, the 25-mile walk covers three of the highest peaks in the Yorkshire Dales – Pen-y-Ghent, Wharfedale, and Ingleborough.

The challenge provides the opportunity to soak up some of the spectacular scenery that Yorkshire has to offer, get your heart pumping and help raise money for pioneering research into the prevention, treatment and cure of heart disease.

Walking regularly is excellent exercise to keep your heart healthy. It helps tone your muscles, improves circulation and can help you to relax.

Taking part in an organised event like this is a fantastic way to raise money and find the motivation to form a regular exercise routine.

This year, the charity is introducing a new team challenge trophy. Teams of six or more people will get the chance to win a brand new trophy.

Heart Research UK does not charge an entry fee, but asks that walkers raise as much money as possible.

For details of the Yorkshire Three Peaks Challenge, contact Heart Research UK on 0113 234 7474, email fundraising@heartresearch.org.uk, or visit www.heartresearch.org.uk/events/yorkshirethreepeakschallenge

Barbara Harpham, national director, Heart Research UK

We must hang on to our green spaces

Just recently I had passed to me a Horticultural Trades Association leaflet, published as part of its campaign to explain what contribution open spaces make to us all, especially those of us in towns and cities.

It makes simple sense when it points out that community cohesion, climate change, health and the economy all benefit from the effects of green spaces.

This research and its publication in a leaflet are well-timed when open green spaces in towns are threatened as they are now.

Look at what we have lost just in the Rochester area in the last few years: Copperfield old allotments; Priestfields flower nursery; part of Thomas Aveling school playing field; and since 2009 Temple Marsh old recreation ground included for housing.

The irony is that there is plenty of brownfield land around. Look at Rochester Riverside, left undeveloped while patches of green are used up.

Now is a good time to simply stop and say we must do more to hold on to our green spaces.

Derek Munton, Rochester

Elderly may choose sheltered housing

Having read the letter written by Siobhan Drane, Bupa's community affairs manager, I am wondering if any member of the Government read it also.

Why does the Government insist that the elderly wish to stay in their homes on their own?

My mother spent many happy years in

sheltered housing. She was independent in her own apartment, but she could also join others for coffee and social times in the communal areas.

It would also mean that the carers have less distance to travel, which would mean fewer cars on the road and the elderly who need a bit of help would be helped at better times.

We have a number of carers who visit the area where I live, and some elderly people are visited as early as 6am and put to bed at 4pm purely because the carer has so far to travel between clients.

I would be interested if a survey was done on this matter. I want the elderly to be safe and have company.

Irene Robinson, Allington

Lib Dem claim of hard work refuted

Inevitably, Kent Liberal Democrats will try to put a brave face on their slump in popularity as the country at large feels the effects of their dodgy deal with the Tories.

The claim by Lib Dem activist Peter Carroll that their councillors are elected “based on their hard work, local campaigning and desire to serve” is stretching the truth.

Reference to Shepway council's website reveals that Cllr Carroll does not sit on any committees, and of the last six full council meetings, he has made an appearance at only two. Hardly a record of diligent representation.

When the Lib Dems had control of Shepway council, the electorate was unfortunate enough to experience the feuding, back-biting and unprincipled opportunism which are the hallmarks of the party.

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The rhythm of African life

Laye Sow brings the beat of Senegal to festival



Review

BY NICK AMES

AT the age of just 10, Laye Sow was wowing the audiences at a jazz festival in Senegal when he was spotted by the legendary singer Papa Seck, who hails from that country.

Recognising the vocal talent of this young boy, he arranged for him to be auditioned at the National Music School and Laye was soon following in the footsteps of legends such as Youssou n'Dour and Baaba Maal, learning singing, performing, writing, playing drums and the guitar.

After graduating, Laye became the lead singer at the National Orchestra, which is made up of the top musicians in Senegal. This government-sponsored orchestra acts as an ambassador for the country, supporting national celebrations and events and performing throughout Africa and internationally.

By the age of 22, he was a regular on TV and radio.

Now living in Folkestone, Laye is set to perform at Quarterhouse in the town on Sunday as part of the Equator World Music Festival.

"I have not played a proper show in my home town yet, so I am really looking forward to the chance," he said.

"My music is a fusion of African influences with reggae and salsa, while my lyrics sometimes go back to the days of slavery. My grandparents told me how their parents were actually slaves, taken by the Spanish, who ruled parts of Morocco at the time.

"But not all my lyrics are like that. Others are peaceful or against poverty and oppression. A united Africa is what I would like to see – together we could be so strong. Then there are my songs about children, they are the hope for the future.

"What I passionately believe is that nobody should put anyone else down.

Nomadic

"I am a Fula [an ethnic group of West Africa which looks to a history with connections to the Pharaohs of Egypt and tribes in Ethiopia] and we are nomadic – we travel around, we are based all over the world.

"In my home town [Podor] we are based on both sides of the River Senegal, in Mauritania and Senegal, but the French decided that the river was the boundary. One of my songs is about the Fula and where you find them – which is just about everywhere in the world."

Despite his strong attachment to Podor, it was necessary for Laye to go to Senegal's capital Dakar to develop as a musician.

It was not particularly a happy time, though. "It was hard because I went to the academy and I had no financial support. I came from a poor family and they could not help me," he said.

"My album Djamano came about because I have always performed acoustic music and, believe it or not, blues is African music. I played in hotels in Senegal as a one-man show for many years.

"The musical style of the album is blues and the pure vocal of my people in Futa. In Senegal, language is important because you are communicating information. The blues is the language of our ancestors who suffered and, through their pain, developed a musical



INFLUENCE: Laye Sow's music owes much to his Senegalese roots

style that we all know as the blues. The USA took up the blues, but really Africans were the first to perform music in that style.

"We have such a rich musical culture in Africa and it is very upbeat, you can really dance to it. And it tells a story."

At the age of 25, Laye formed Jelitara Futa, a band which played in Africa as well as internationally, including events such as WOMAD, Glastonbury and other festivals and venues across the world, including Mali's Festival In The Desert, which has seen performances by legends such as Robert Plant, formerly of Led Zeppelin.

Charlie Gillet, of BBC Radio, described Laye as: "An addictive new find – it's rare to hear such a perfect combination of voice and guitar."

He can trace his family history directly to

the Dogan in Mali, a culture steeped in the arts, mythology, music and dancing.

The ethnic group is also one of the most mysterious on Earth, with a long-standing knowledge of obscure astronomy, which has provoked much wild speculation.

But Laye now finds himself in Kent.

"What happened was, one of my friends is a lawyer," he said.

"He has friends who live in Folkestone, and we went to visit them and liked being by the sea. In fact, I liked the place a lot. My wife and I then came down here and bought the first house we saw.

"What I like about it, and I could not do this in London because I did not have enough space, is I have set up a studio in the basement.

"As well as playing, I have been doing some

workshops with young people. I have been doing some African drumming and teaching singing and dancing, as well as telling them about African culture."

Laye is set to release a double album of new songs this summer.

Also performing at Quarterhouse, from 1.30pm, on Sunday, March 20, are The Attab Haddad Quartet, who combine Middle Eastern sounds with flamenco and jazz.

ShivaNova play at 5pm, fusing traditional and contemporary Indian sounds.

To see and listen to Laye Sow, go to www.yourkenttv.onyoutube.

• **See Laye Sow at Quarterhouse, Folkestone, from 1.30pm on Sunday, March 20. Tickets are £6 for adults; visit www.quarterhouse.co.uk or phone 01303 858500 to book.**

ATTRACTIONS

Summertime at Beech Court

ALL ages will enjoy the gardens of Beech Court, which are re-opening on Saturday, March 26.

The gardens are in Challock, in the heart of the North Downs, and feature informal planting and trees set across acres of parkland.

Beech Court has a rich history, with Roman swords and artefacts discovered at the site, while Richard III's illegitimate son is thought to have been employed as a labourer during its construction.

Meanwhile, Kentish history is evident in the oast-house, built at the turn of the century, which has been converted into tea rooms.



Home-cooking, plants, crafts, pet animals and a picnic site are all available to enjoy.

The gardens are open from 10.30am to 5.30pm every day except Friday.

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Terry Alderton's TV credits also include The Royal Variety Performance, Comedy Store and The Stand Up Show.

His film credits include The Flirting Club, Keeping Mum, Black Ball and The Jam.

He is also the man behind internet sensations Danny Dire and Bloke Cast, while his short film Brahms And Liszt was in the running for an Oscar nomination.

Alderton will be appearing at the Gulbenkian Theatre on Friday, April 1, at 7.45pm.

Tickets cost £12 (£10 for Encore! Gulbenkian members). The show is suitable for people aged 16+ only.

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Watch this space for art exhibition

A NEW exhibition is being staged at the University of the Creative Arts in Canterbury. Seven artists using sculpture, film, performance and text explore the role of the exhibition space and the college's building.

The exhibition will open with a new set of works by artist Ben Cain. These will include sculptures and sets of hand-made objects.

As part of the exhibition, Cain will be working with IVIVI dance company to interpret his art. On Monday, March 21, his work will reconfigure to accommodate two further works.

Aernout Mik's film, Glutinosity, explores the role of rioters and the authorities brought in to bring law and order.

In Jamie Shovlin's Mike Harte-Make Art, the artist presents a portrait of his college friend Mike, who struggled to make any work. Instead, he preferred to send letters and cuttings that he thought his friend would find interesting.

The exhibition will also feature three performance works. Laure Prouvost and



Francesco Pedraglio will give a performance on Friday, April 1, at 2pm. Prouvost's work presents the artwork as a shaggy-dog story.

At 2pm on Saturday, April 2, Sally O'Reilly is holding a workshop which invites participants to help write a new radio sitcom, and Cally Spooner will give an energetic performance lecture on Friday, April 8, at 5pm.

The Other Workspace exhibition runs until Friday, April 8. To find out more, phone the Herbert Read Gallery at the UCA Canterbury on 01227 817302.

End of the world is now for Unfinished Business

THE Unfinished Business theatre company in Canterbury has just announced its latest production.

The Last Theatre is a new play written by one of the company's artistic directors, Danny Lee Pegg.

The play is set 300 years after the world we know it has been destroyed. Society is gone and only a few ragged people survive, wandering through England looking for somewhere to stop and be safe. They come across an empty building called The Last Theatre.

The company is made up of a selection of actors who all met at the University of Kent. The production will tour in and around Canterbury at the end of March.

Company members hope the play will be another hit after the success of their summer show The Best Panto and their winter show Table For Two.

Performances take place on Sunday, March 27, at the Darwin Missing Link building at the University of Kent; March 28 at St Mary Bredin Church, Canterbury; April 1 at The Arden Theatre, Faversham; and the Darwin Missing Link building again on April 2-3.

Visit www.unfinished-business.org.uk.



Fresh from the States

ARMY OF FRESHMEN are bringing the sound of California to Quarterhouse in Folkestone.

The pop-punk outfit are taking a break from their European tour to play five headline tours around the UK, playing Folkestone on Saturday, April 16.

The band, who draw inspiration from 90s US alternative rock such as NOFX, Bowling For Soup and Irish-American group Dropkick Murphys, will release their new single, Body Parts, in late April.

It is the last track to be released from their EP Close Encounter and the band plan to return to the studio after touring to start work on a new album.

Contrary to their tough-guy image, frontman Chris Jay insists the band are an optimistic bunch.

"We're fun... we try to write catchy songs and make funny videos," he said. "There's enough depressing and angry music out there. We do our part to balance the scales a little bit."

Doors open at 7.30pm and the gig is open to over-16s only. Tickets are £9. Visit www.quarterhouse.co.uk, or phone the box office on 01303 858 500. Box-office opening hours are 9am-5pm Monday-Friday; 10am-5pm Saturday-Sunday; and from 6pm on event nights.

Christie whodunit

THE Willington Players present Agatha Christie's Go Back For Murder at The Hazlitt Theatre, Maidstone, from Tuesday to Saturday, March 22-26.

The play was adapted by Christie herself from her novel Five Little Pigs.

The action centres on Carla Crale, whose mother was convicted 15 years previously of the murder of her artist husband Amyas.

Convinced of her mother's mis-trial, Carla hires young solicitor Justin Fogg, whose father defended Crale at her trial, to assist her gathering together once more the witnesses of the crime.

Originally a Poirot novel, elements of the famous detective's conviction that it is possible to solve a mystery only with the powers of the intellect are still in evidence.

And the true murderer is to be identified solely by retrospective examination.

The Players, whose award-winning previous productions include Dancing At Lughnasa



and the farcical 'Allo 'Allo, will continue their run of charity nights from Tuesday, March to Thursday, March 22-24, with proceeds shared between Cancer Research UK, PDSA and Maidstone Riverside Rotary.

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Food worthy of celebrity status

RESTAURANT REVIEW

BY JAMES BENJAMIN

CELEBRITY cooks have moved on in recent years.

Where once all they had to do to top the Christmas book charts with a recipe collection was appear twice a month on Ready Steady Cook, today they need to do far more.

Gordon Ramsey is, for example, aiming for world domination with his brand of arrogance, facial scarring and the habit of saying "yes?" whenever asking someone to agree with him.

Jamie Oliver, on the other hand, is on a one-man mission to save our children from failures in the education system.

Richard Phillips meanwhile, has rather more modest aims. Granted, his 'celebrity' status tends to be more confined to Kent courtesy of a handful of appearances on daytime TV, and as yet he doesn't have the media punch to command a huge audience.

What he does have, however, is the knowledge that what people want from something with his name on is an assurance of quality.

And rather than branding everything from toasters to supermarkets, he is keeping the focus on what he knows best – food and the delivery of it.

All of which brings us to the seaside town of Whitstable and the latest addition to his growing empire.

Already the man behind the swanky Thackeray's in Tunbridge Wells and the modern Richard Phillips at Chapel Down in Biddenden, he has now moved into pubs – and where finer than one of the most perfectly sited in the county in the town which continues to attract day-trippers at a remarkable rate.



The Pearson's Arms by Richard Phillips (once the Crab & Oyster House) – perched a ten-yard stagger from the overrated and over-priced Royal Native Oyster Stores immediately opposite, is a classic pub which over the last decade has been something of a rollercoaster ride for the discerning diner.

About five years ago it hit a new low – the food was dire, the pricing likewise and its reputation in tatters. Then new management came in. The bar on the ground floor was transformed and brought kicking and screaming into the 21st century. The food in the restaurant upped its game dramatically, and so did the prices. It was close, but that cigar proved elusive.

Now, however, Richard Phillips has got the balance pretty near spot on. The bar is pleasant and rustic. The staff bursting full of charm and ease.

And the food – well, let's just say the Sunday brunch menu is a shining example of quality, rustic, wholesome food at a price tag almost as mouthwatering as the dishes.

The deal is simple – a cut-down from the main menu offering three courses for £19.50 or two for £16.50.

With the core of the menu reliant heavily on local produce – and the main menu awash with seafood plucked from our shores – I plumped for the dressed crab, celeriac remoulade and dill toast. Putting aside the fact it arrives on a rather pretentious wooden board – a pet hate – the crab was beautiful, its subtle taste not lost in the dressing and, indeed enhanced.

My companion opted for the smoked salmon with brioche with horseradish cream and water cress. The salmon plump and full of flavour – something so often missing in this traditional dish.

On to the main course, and I opted for tradition – roast rump of 28 day beef with potatoes, vegetables and a red wine jus.

The meat was simply divine. Thick, light, slices which melted in the mouth, off-set with just enough vegetables to make the tastebuds tingle.

My companion went for the fish pie with melted Kentish cheese. Served in an enamelled dish, it was filling yet tasty.

Dishes so easily mundane, yet both here injected with sufficient care and thought to make them stand-out dishes.

By the time the desserts – a wonderfully bitter and light chocolate fondant and a sublime Brandy burnt cream, and not only do you feel full, but rather amazed when the bill turns up too.

It would, after all, be the natural assumption that a celebrity chef's menu is going to not be cheap. But for three courses, two glasses of a nice French Sauvignon Blanc, and two coffees, the final bill of £52 is perhaps the most refreshing dish of all.

I wanted to find fault, I really did, but the truth is, it was a pleasant dining experience and one I would not hesitate to recommend.

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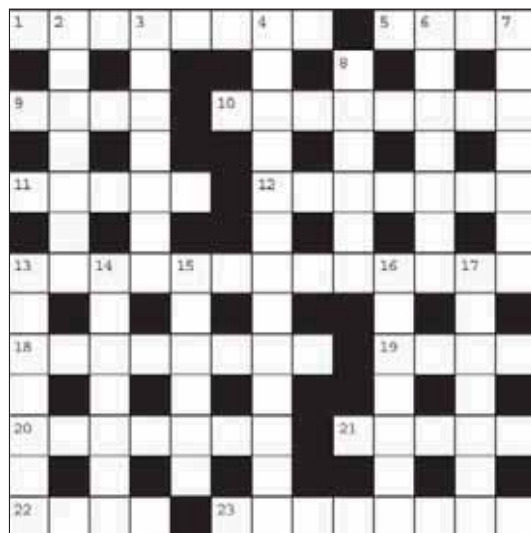


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CRYPTIC CLUES

Across

1. A boulder will get knocked about in this sport (4-4)
5. Outstanding piece of plum pudding! (4)
9. Grumble about the meat (4)
10. Just what will make a man hate inordinately (8)
11. Partisan to leave in a little while (5)
12. They give loud warning of owls (7)
13. Describing one who personally owns up? (4-9)
18. It's a turn involving one in the nudist colony (8)
19. See 4 Down
20. Maybe I retain a passive state (7)
21. See 4 Down
22. Lend a poetic ear to the inventory (4)
23. Being abusive and wicked in a telephone call (8)

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Down

2. The girl to write a postscript, we hear! (7)
3. Start of space flight when the elevator is not working? (4-3)
4. 21 Across and 19 Across. How many workers does it take to change a light-bulb? (4,5,4,5,4)
6. It's answering no good purpose to employ a smaller number (7)
7. Among various padres, I will be commended (7)
8. Campaigning valiantly to convert the voters (6)
13. On which the shades of time are cast (7)
14. More than one lot of pups makes the place untidy (7)
15. Young serviceman could make a truce (6)
16. Noticed the cotton factory has become a timber-yard (3-4)
17. Sound attachment at that time made of clay (7)

QUICK CLUES

Across

1. Speed (8)
5. Period of time (4)
9. Competent (4)
10. Deep (8)
11. Stream (5)
12. Raise (7)
13. Absurdity (13)
18. Increasing (8)
19. Intend (4)
20. Transporter (7)
21. Mature (5)
22. Howl (4)
23. Incessor (8)

Down

2. Ban (7)
3. Burdensome (7)
4. Triangular (5-8)
6. Train (7)
7. Remedy (7)
8. Tenders (6)
13. Imitation (7)
14. Impartial (7)
15. Delicacy (6)
16. Wandering (7)

Educate; 7 Redress; 8 Others; 13 Ministry; 14 Neutral; 15 Tibbity; 16 Nomadic; 17 Scarlet.
 Monstrousness; 18 Mounting; 19 Mean; 20 Carrier; 21 Adult; 22 Advocate; 23 Acolyte; 24
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 15 Prost; 16 Scarp; 17 United; 20 Acrea; 21 Quick SOLUTIONS 43: Across: 1 Velocity; 5 Year; 9 Able; 10 Profound; 11 Brook; 12 Elevate; 13
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SALLY petite, confident lady, happy go lucky, likes dancing, walks, tv, seeks male/soul mate for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 362665

PROFESSIONAL brunette, green eyes, petite, solvent, OHAC, looking for good adult companionship with likeminded male. Any/status. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 362951

ATTRACTIVE slim well educated spontaneous blonde, 36, fed up with being alone WLTm keen tactile man who is up for a challenge. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 362887

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28YR old slim blonde female, varied interests, looking for uncomplicated friendship with open minded man. Status/looks/Age unimportant. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 362865

BLONDE blue eyed single female, 34, discreet, OHAC, looking for fun friendship with confident man, 38-60 wanting fun times also. ACA. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 362863

JOYCE attractive 40's feminine lady loves good times in/out looking for likeminded younger male for fun times. Can accommodate/travel. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 362859

SLIM attractive, elegant Asian female, likes travel, restaurants, cinema, seeks caring, Asian male, 45-55 for friendship, possible relationship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 361571

NAUGHTY but extremely nice 27yr old curvy, sensual, feminine female, seeking similar minded male for lots of fun. Any age/Can accommodate. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 361383

6FT blonde leggy ex lingerie model 33, looking for good times with free thinking male. Single dad welcome/Any age. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 361381

ATTRACTIVE vibrant mid 60's female, independent, likes music, travel, socialising, seeks cultured, energetic, cultured male, Maidstone. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 384766

35YR old outgoing discreet female looking for someone who WLTm up for fun adult dates. Can accommodate. Any age/status. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 361757

FLIRTY 30, very attractive confident slim brunette, looking for fun times with broadminded male. Single dad welcome. Can accommodate. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 361755

VOLUPTUOUS attractive tanned, well groomed blonde 39, looking for good times, pampering, massages and discreet friendship. ACA. Any age/looks. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 361751

GORGEOUS looking lovely lass 28, OHAC, no ties, looking for some romantic liaisons with older male. ACA/looks unimportant. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 361731

HI I am Sandy, an attractive 38yr old nurse looking for some off duty passion with affectionate open-minded man. Any age. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 361729

LADY slim, brunette, N/S, likes music, National Trust, theatre, days out, seeks sincere, honest gent, 48-60 for friendship, maybe more. Kent/Sussex. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 360633

MALE Guardian reader? Arty, vivacious female, 61, happy in own skin, seeks N/S sociable, warm, loving man. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 360655

SINGLE female, 60, sincere, caring, likes most things, seeks male, 60-65, N/S with GSOH for companionship and LTR. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 360557

WARM well educated 60's female, seeks similar gent to enjoy the simple things of life. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 360477

BETH young minded widow, 65, 5ft 5ins, happy, size 14, N/S, many interests, seeks sincere, honest gent for friendship who might admit to some aching bones. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 344291

SAM 37, attractive, size 16, friendly, bubbly, seeks sincere, genuine male, 35-50. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 384334

ATTRACTIVE lady, seeks kind, solvent male for romance and possibly love. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 360159

ISABELLE lovely lady, genuine, honest, loving, caring, 68, N/S, non drinker, slightly disabled, WLTm male for love, companionship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 347305

KATHY long blonde hair, blue eyes, 60, likes mowtown music, nights in/out, seeks gent, 47-62. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 361797

BARBARA 46, seeks nice, stocky male up to 50 for friendship, maybe more. Heathrow. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 361701

SALLY independent, intelligent, confident, caring female, seeking a similar soul mate. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 361575

MANDY early 40's, slightly alternative, looking for similar open minded male for fun nights in/out. Can accommodate. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 361727

YOUNG 40's lady who loves cooking and enjoying good wine, WLTm older male for cosy nights in and great company. Status unimportant. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 359163

52YR old female, likes walks, animals, theatre, cinema, seeks male for companionship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 357291

LATE 20's female seeking older male. Call to hear exactly what I'm like and looking for. I can meet anywhere in London at any time. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 356995

TALL slim brunette, just 21yrs seeks interesting older male who knows what's what, show me the ways of the world. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 356969

SOUTH London Lady, full figure with long hair, curves in all the right places. WLTm male of any age for fun, friendship and more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 356989

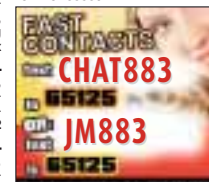
FUN loving student, 21yrs, seeks male of any age for fun in London, can travel and accommodate, I love a risk and having fun. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 356981

FOREIGN beauty, long, long hair, 20's yrs, seeks older male who can spoil someone like me. London area. Discretion assured. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 356967

FEMININE lady who knows how to treat her man seeks strong minded male to care for, any area London/Surrey/Kent. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 356985

SEALED with a kiss. 37yr old single mum, blonde hair, blue eyes, curly, likes sunshine, travel, looking for Knight in shining armour, to make me laugh and spoil me. Folkestone. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 355543

LADY 44, GSOH, short, curvy, dark hair, seeks good guy for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 355391



DEBBIE mid 50's, attractive, likes dancing, music, cinema, theatre, seeks male for companionship. Maidstone. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 351419

57YR old voluptuous lady, works, divorced, likes beach, meals out, theatre, travel, weekends away, seeks white male, 56-61 with GSOH for LTR. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 359685

HONEST caring, genuine female, 44, GSOH, likes meals out, nights in, seeks similar male. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 381844

MARY 62, 5ft 3ins, medium build, blonde, blue eyes, likes nights in/out, seeks honest male for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 359467

FEMALE 25, professional, likes nights out, socialising, seeks male. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 360961

ORIENTAL female, 27, seeks older gent, 65 plus to take care of me. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 362207

BEAUTIFUL slim, sexy female, 22, seeks older gent, 65 plus to take care of me. London. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 362201

PRETTY woman, slim, black, widow, 39, energetic, seeks white, solvent male for LTR. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 360695

CURVY sophisticated Irish lady 36, new to the area and lonely, WLTm male up to 69yrs for companionship, cosy nights in/out. Status unimportant. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 361379

KAREN tall slim feminine, 40, WLTm genuine male who will keep me warm and cosy up for romantic nights in/out. ACA. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 361357

42YR old female, likes music, dancing, writing, astrology, cats, seeks male with GSOH and similar age. Medway. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 351577

CARING young 62 petite blonde, seeks someone to share doing things with, theatre, dancing and perhaps nights in. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 359761

FAYE N/S, non drinker, lots of love to give, seeks special, genuine, honest male. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 349309

PATRICIA outgoing, confident, feminine, warm, friendly, smart, good company, attractive, seeks similar male. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 347215

FUN loving country girl, 48, seeks male for friendship/relationship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 384488

FEMALE seeks N/S, clean, tidy white male, 42-50 for friendship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 361049

CRYSTAL 5ft 6ins, long dark hair, hazel eyes, olive skin, seeks male. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 383374

49YR old lady, honest, sincere, easy-going, likes a laugh, looking for love. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 359059

ATTRACTIVE caring, interesting black lady, seeks educated, genuine, white male for LTR. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 358937

ELEGANT professional, black, lady, 5ft 3ins, medium build, likes dancing, meals out, cinema, reading, seeks intelligent, professional guy for relationship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 353840

PETITE female, slim, attractive, blonde hair, green eyes, GSOH, romantic, likes sports, nights out, meals, seeks honest, genuine, N/S male. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 334613

DOROTHY 70's, 5ft, fair hair, likes cooking, Chinese food, seeks male for companionship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 342451

JENNY 5ft 4ins, black hair, green eyes, size 12-14, likes cinema, nights out, dancing, gardening, walks, holidays, seeks tall, slim male, 40's for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 339065

ELSIE 5ft 8ins, 70's, OHAC, N/S, likes pub lunches, walks, seeks gent for company, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 348425

ATTRACTIVE slim single mum, 44, seeks similar tall male, 40-50, caring, loving and loyal, are you? Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 334393

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MALE 47, easygoing, GSOH, looking for fun times and laughs with mature female, Rochester. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 362971

ATTRACTIVE blond, blue eyed male, 47, HIV positive, genuine, sincere, GSOH, OHAC, seeks warm, sincere, Oriental/black/Asian female. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 362931

SINGLE professional, good looking Indian male, 5ft 7ins, vegetarian, 51, young looks, seeks younger white female for relationship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 362927

RICHARD 46, dark hair, blue eyes, 5ft 6ins, likes holidays, cooking, theatre, country walks, meals out, cinema, music, seeks female, 39-57 for LTR. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 362925

MALE seeks female for fun and friendship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 384890

STEVEN 50, likes nights in, 5ft 3ins, 8st, seeks female for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 362789

DAVID 61, likes sports, reading, writing, seeks female. Bushy. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 362779

GENT 62, assertive, many interests, seeks curvy, non assertive lady for exciting relationship that offers something different. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 362977

PETER 62, varied interests, no ties, reliable, understanding, romantic, seeks cuddly female, 50-67. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 362943

VICKY attractive, kind, down to earth, black British, likes travel, writing, reading, cooking, socialising, seeks generous, good man who is family orientated. Essex. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 353033

BABE seeks mature white male for discreet fun, you won't be sorry I know how to treat my man. Any area London. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 356997

64YR old female, 5ft 2ins, GSOH, likes golf, seeks male with GSOH for friendship, days out, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 339581

LOVELY female, petite, attractive, size 8-10, blue eyes, long hair, likes historic places, holidays, meals out, seeks honest, genuine male for friendship initially. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 356359

TINKERBELLE seeks Peter Pan, I'm 36, 5ft 3ins, size 8-10 and am looking for a tall strong man who can connect and make me laugh. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 358721

CUDDLY curvy size 14 plus female looking for very assertive gent, 59-65 for daytime adult fun. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 358729

CARING genuine single mum seeks male for LTR. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 358719

BEDFORDSHIRE female, 39, HIV positive, likes cinema, music, travel, nights in, wine bars, seeks decent, white, professional male, under 45. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 358579

5FT 2ins female, dark hair, medium build, late 40's, GSOH, likes cinema, walks, family life, seeks male for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 350361

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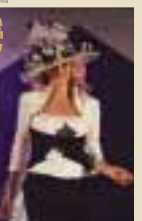
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TOP QUALITY: Investors are looking to invest in high-end schemes, which are the hardest to find, according to experts in the property industry

£7.5 billion boost to UK housing market

FIGURES released by one of the world's top property companies showing cash available for housing development have given a huge lift to the industry.

There is more than £7.5 billion aimed at residential development and investment in the UK from a variety of domestic and international funds, according to real-estate advisers CB Richard Ellis.

Some of the available money has been earmarked for regeneration schemes in selected areas – but other cash can be made available where the demand is there.

The news is a boost for both developers and the property market, as it means house-building schemes that might otherwise have been threatened by the economic downturn can go ahead.

Experts say that investors can realise high returns of more than 20 per cent on equity employed and there has been a noticeable £1 billion pick-up in the level of potential res-

By **NICK AMES**

idential investment funds in the past quarter.

Schemes that will sell to owner-occupiers and buy-to-let investors are the current choice, reflecting a perceived security of return with demand in those areas.

The level of investment available for residential stock could make a significant difference to current levels of house-building.

Most of the money originates from UK-based funds, but about a quarter comes from North America, with opportunity funds making up the largest category of investors, closely followed by pension funds.

Investment

"The total level of interest from investors in the UK residential market relative to the overall level of investment and development is clearly significant, but pinpointing the investors that are ready to commit and at what cost of capital is the key.

"Many of these investors are keeping a close eye on the residential market," said Chris Lacey, executive director at CB Richard Ellis.

"There have been a number of instances where investors have dipped their toe in the water through preferred residential partner arrangements with niche developers, because there are a surprisingly small number of schemes that funds can readily commit to.

"The most sought-after schemes are at the prime end of the market where the opportunities are hardest to find."

CB Richard Ellis's first quarterly UK residential investment monitor revealed that £1.29 billion had been assigned outside of central London up to the M25, £980 million was aimed at national development excluding London, and £2.7 billion was earmarked for consented schemes that will sell to owner-occupiers and buy-to-let investors.

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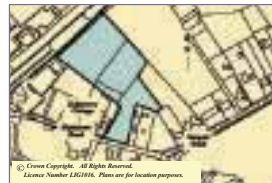
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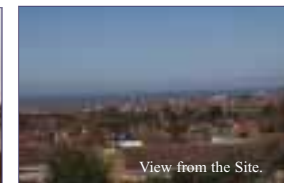
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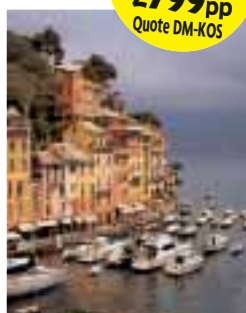
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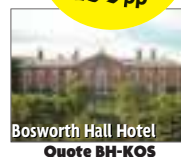
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BUSINESSES in Swale have been challenged to recruit 100 young people to apprenticeships by the end of the year.

The Year Of The Apprentice scheme, launched by Swale council in partnership with Kent County Council and the Kent Association of Trading Organisations, will ask 100 local employers to do their bit to help boost the economy.

A business breakfast was held at Hempstead House, Sittingbourne, on Wednesday to officially launch the project.

Swale council's cabinet member for regeneration, learning and skills, Cllr John Wright, was among those in attendance.

He said: "While helping to combat unemployment in the borough, apprentices can also allow your business to access the new skills, ideas and enthusiasm that young people can provide to help you thrive and retain a competitive edge.

"Unemployment among young people is an issue affecting Swale, and apprenticeships can provide an ideal route through which young job seekers can be given new opportunities.

"The process of employing an apprentice now is not as time-consuming as some may have found in the past. Placing the right candidates to the right workplace is key.

"Help yourselves by choosing to employ an apprentice."

Workshops run by the Kent Apprenticeship Service will start next week to provide businesses with more details about what taking on an apprentice means.

The first will be held at the UK Leisure Club, Sittingbourne, from 9.30-11am on Monday, March 21.

The Sheppey Healthy Living Centre will host the second workshop at the same time on Wednesday, March 23, with the final being held at Brogdale Farm, Faversham, on Monday, March 28.

For more information or to book, call Catherine Harvey on 01795 417216 or email catherineharvey@swale.gov.uk.

Keep Kent Working! It's jobs for Kent

Training centres are 'beacons of excellence'

By **STEVE KNIGHT**

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KENT'S vocational training centres have been praised in a report that is otherwise highly critical of skills-based learning in the UK.

The Government-commissioned review by education expert Professor Alison Wolf found that hundreds of thousands of young people were on vocational courses which did not lead to university or a job.

But the same report recognised Kent's training centres as "beacons of excellence" that ensure young people can access the specialist programmes they want, ranging from engineering and construction to catering and social care.

Kent County Council leader Cllr Paul Carter said: "We welcome this report, which reinforces the innovative work that we have been developing over a number of years.

"I strongly believe that one size does not fit all when it comes to education, which is why Kent has championed and pioneered vocational education alongside the traditional academic subjects."

There are currently standalone vocational centres in Dover and Thanet, with two in Swale and one due to open in Maidstone.

The rest are based in schools, including Thamesview School in Gravesend, Herne Bay High School, the Towers School in Ashford, and Pent Valley in Folkestone.

Cllr Carter said: "There are more than 8,000 students in Kent benefiting from this trail-blazing programme, learning skills which employers in the county are crying out for.

"Industry is at the heart of the vocational programmes and we are working with leading firms to tailor these courses.

"We are developing a skilled generation ready for the world of work, and I would be delighted to showcase our programme to other councils and business leaders."

The Wolf report recommends a radical shake-up of vocational education in England, and says all pupils should study a core of academic subjects until they are 16.

At the moment some qualifications count



SHINING EXAMPLES: Report praised skills-based training at Kent's vocational centres

for the equivalent of four GCSEs, which the report says provides "perverse incentives" for students to be steered into notching up strings of qualifications which may not help them into work or higher education.

It adds: "The staple offer for between a quarter and a third of the post-16 cohort is a diet of low-level vocational qualifications, most of which have little to no labour market value.

"Among 16-19-year-olds, the review estimates that at least 350,000 get little to no benefit from the post-16 education system."

The Wolf report calls for more high-quality apprenticeships for young people and for employers to be part-subsidised to offer them.

It also says it should be made easier for teachers from further education colleges to teach in schools.

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Rotarians help youngsters pick up the language

VOLUNTEERS from the Rotary Club of Ramsgate are helping to teach English to foreign students at the Marlowe Academy.

For the past year the Rotarians have spent one day a week coaching small groups of students learning English as an additional language.

Youngsters from as far afield as Iraq, Afghanistan, Albania, Poland and Lithuania have benefited from the scheme so far, thought to be the first of its kind in Thanet.

Rotarian David Blackwell said: "When you consider what some of the children have been through to get here, it is up to us to give them the support so they can be effective members of the community.

"If we can help with reading, afterwards comes qualifications and from there comes a job so that they can enjoy a role in local society.

"So with a bit of support they have a chance, an opportunity."

Some of the pupils at the Marlowe have little or no formal education in their own language, so staff are charged with not only teaching them English but also how to apply it to other subjects and in exams.

Many of the foreign students go on to achieve great success at university.

Former Rotary president Paul



COACHING: Rotary Club volunteers are helping out at the Marlowe Academy

Parpworth said: "It is amazing how quickly they learn. There's one boy in particular from Albania who picks it up very quickly and easily.

"Some of the Afghan boys could not even read or write in their own language.

"We strike up a particular bond with students. One Afghan boy, Haroon, came to our club with Marlowe principal Ian Johnson about 18 months ago. He even came out with our Christmas float helping to collect money for charity.

"Recently he's gone on a course at the fire station, so his English has improved and maybe that is something with which we have helped."

Honda experts' visit gets pupils thinking

CHILDREN from the Archbishop's School in Canterbury, took part in a 'thinking skills' workshop delivered by education experts from Honda.

The Japanese car manufacturer runs a School of Dreams programme using innovative learning techniques to help young people to understand the importance of pursuing their ambitions.

Children from local primary schools also took part in the workshop, which was held on Tuesday and Wednesday.

A Honda spokesman said: "The workshop is challenging but great fun. Teachers and pupils work at the same level in small groups, learning how to turn their dreams into reality by learning from real-life examples of people who already have."

The School of Dreams programme has been delivered in more than 100 schools over the last three years, directly engaging about 5,000 students and educators.

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Clinic on shortlist for law gong

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Highlights of its achievements during the

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HIGHWAYS

HIGHWAYS - Borough of Ashford

BROMLEY GREEN ROAD, RUCKINGE (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of water mains replacement works, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Bromley Green Road, Ruckinge, on or after 4 April 2011 for up to 5 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed in rolling sections between the junctions with Capel Road and Hornash Lane.

The alternative route is via Capel Road and Hamstreet Road.

VARIOUS ROADS, ASHFORD (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Various Roads, Ashford, as part of a programme of highway repairs and resurfacing.

The Order takes effect on or after 4 April 2011 for up to 3 months or until the works have been completed.

The roads affected, dates of closure and alternative routes are as shown below. The dates of closures are planned to be weekdays only. Some roads are closed twice, initially for 1 day for Surfacing and then 1 day for sweeping and lining.

WYE ROAD, WYE / FOLLY TOWN, WYE / THE STREET, HASTINGLEIGH

From 7 April 2011 to 18 April 2011
Alternative route via Scotland Street, High Street Churchfield Way, Bramble Lane, A28 Canterbury Road, Ashford Rd, White Hill, Shalmsford Street, The Downs, Chartham Downs Road, B2068 Faussett Hill, Stone Street, Thorne Lane, Dean Hill and Elvington Park

CHURCH LANE / LONGROPE, SHADOXHURST

From Woodchurch Road to Birchett Lane
From 14 April 2011 to 19 April 2011
Alternative route via Woodchurch Road, Hornash Lane, Hamstreet Road and Birchett Lane

PLURENDEN ROAD, WOODCHURCH –

between Shadoxhurst Road and Bethersden Road
From 15 April 2011 to 21 April 2011
Alternative route via Shadoxhurst Road, Redbrook Street and Bethersden Road

MAYTHAM ROAD, ROLVENDEN for entire length

From 19 April 2011 to 5 May 2011
Alternative route via A28 High Street, Tenterden Road, Rolvenden Hill, Rolvenden Road, Small Hythe Road and Wittersham Road

GIGGERS GREEN ROAD, ALDINGTON

Surfacing on 10 May 2011 (1 day) then sweeping & lining on 17 May 2011 (1 day)
Alternative route via B2067 Knoll Hill, B2067 Roman Road, B2067 Aldington Road, Lympne Hill, West Hythe Road and Lower Wall Road

ASHFORD ROAD, BILSINGTON –

from Bilsington Crossroads to Frith Road
Surfacing on 16 May 2011 (1 day) then sweeping & lining on 23 May 2011 (1 day)
Alternative route via Frith Road, Bank Road, Forge Hill, New Road Hill and B2067 Bilsington Road

IDEN LANE, EGERTON –

for entire length
From 20 June 2011 to 23 June 2011
There is no alternative route as it is a No Through Road. Every effort will be made to maintain access whenever it is safe to do so

The works are weather dependant and may be delayed by adverse conditions. Works that are missed will be deferred until later in the programme with the revised dates signposted on site.

HIGHWAYS - District of Canterbury

MORTIMER STREET, HERNE BAY (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of water mains replacement works, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Mortimer Street, Herne Bay, on or after 4 April 2011 for up to 3 weeks or until the works have been completed.

Mortimer Street will be closed between the junctions with North Street and East Street.

The alternative route is via North Street, High Street and East Street.

North Street will become One-way, southbound only, between the junctions with Charles Street and Mortimer Street.

The alternative route for northbound traffic is via High Street, East Street, Charles Street and North Street.

Chapel Street will be closed between the car park entrance and the junction with Mortimer Street, and can be accessed via Charles Street and North Street.

THE STREET, KINGSTON (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of BT underground cabling works, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on The Street, Kingston, on or after 4 April 2011 for up to 4 days or until the works have been completed.

It is planned the works will be carried out off peak between 9.30 am and 4.00 pm with the road re-opened outside these hours.

The road will be closed outside 52-56 The Street. There will be no access for through traffic between the junctions with Church Lane and Marley Lane / Westwood Road.

The alternative route is via Bonny Bush Hill, Black Robin Lane, Covet Lane, Turks Hill and Marley Lane

HIGHWAYS - District of Dover

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (DOVER) (TRAFFIC REGULATION AND STREET PARKING PLACES) (AMENDMENT NO. 12) ORDER 2010

Notice is hereby given that KENT COUNTY COUNCIL has made the above named Order under sections 1(1), 2(1) to (3), 3(2), 4(1) and 4(2), 32(1), 35(1) 46 and 46, 49, 53 and 124 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the Chief Officer of Police in accordance with paragraph 20 of Schedule 9 to the Act:

The effect of the Order introduces no waiting at any time (double yellow lines) at the junction of Upper Street with The Rise and on both sides of Upper Street fronting properties Rose Cottage, Robin Hill, Well Cottage, Myrtle Cottage, St Andrew's House and Trefoil.

The Order was sealed on 18 March 2011 and will come into force 21 March 2011.

Full details are contained in the Order which, together with the relevant plans, any Orders amended and a statement of the Council's reasons for making the Order may be examined on Mondays to Fridays at Dover District Council, White Cliffs Business Park, Dover and at Session House, Maidstone during normal opening times.

Any person wishing to question the validity of the Order or any of the provisions contained therein on the grounds that it is not within the powers of the relevant enabling Act or that any requirement of any such enabling Act or of any regulations made thereunder have not been complied with may within 6 weeks from the date on which the Order was made make application to the High Court for this purpose.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (VARIOUS ROADS, DOVER) (WEIGHT LIMIT RESTRICTION) (AMENDMENT NO.) ORDER 2011

Notice is hereby given that KENT COUNTY COUNCIL has made the above named Order under 1, 2(4) and part IV of Schedule 9 section 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the chief officer of police in accordance with Paragraph 20 of Schedule 9 to the Act:

The Order prohibits any person to cause any vehicle capable of exceeding 7.5 tonnes gross weight from using the following roads subject to exemptions for loading and unloading, emergency service vehicles and public service vehicles:-

Name of Road	Length of road affected
Old Dover Road	From the junction with the A20 Western Heights Roundabout to the junction with South Military Road
Centre Road	Entire length
North Military Road	Entire length
Durham Hill	Entire length

Full details are contained in the draft Order which, together with the relevant plans, any Orders amended by the proposals and a statement of reasons for proposing to make the Order may be examined on Mondays to Fridays at Dover District Council, White Cliffs Business Park Dover, and Sessions House, Maidstone during normal opening times

If you wish to offer support for or object to the proposed Order you should send the grounds in writing to the Transport and Development Team Leader, Kent Highway Services, Javelin Way, Ashford, TN24 8AD or by email to td.eastkent@kent.gov.uk by noon on Monday 11 April 2011.

HIGHWAYS - Borough of Dartford

CHURCH HILL, STONE - (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council intends to make an Order restricting the use by vehicular traffic on Church Hill, Stone adjacent to level crossing.

The Order will become effective on 4th April 2011, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months; the works are planned to last 2 weeks. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the above restriction will be via: Crossways Boulevard and Cotton Lane

The purpose of the closure is to facilitate Network Rail engineering works.

HIGHWAYS - Borough of Maidstone

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (VARIOUS ROADS, MAIDSTONE, TONBRIDGE & MALLING, DARTFORD, GRAVESHAM, SEVENOAKS) (50MPH SPEED RESTRICTION) - TEMPORARY ORDER 2011 - THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because of the likelihood of danger to the public using a road the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by vehicular traffic travelling at any speed greater than 50mph on the routes described in the Schedule.

The Order will become effective on Monday 4th April 2011, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months.

Schedule	
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Extent:	From the A282 to the roundabout with the A2026 Burnham Road
Dates:	Start: 4th April 2011 End: 7th April 2011
Dates:	Start: 8th August 2011 End: 11th August 2011
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Extent:	From M2 junction 1 to the Dillywood Lane Bridge
Dates:	Start: 8th April 2011 End: 15th April 2011
Dates:	Start: 12th August 2011 End: 19th August 2011
Road Name:	A2018 Shepherd Lane, Dartford
Extent:	From the roundabout of the A2 to the existing 40mph speed limit 100m before the roundabout with Rochester Way
Dates:	Start: 28th April 2011 End: 28th April 2011
Dates:	Start: 31st August 2011 End: 31st August 2011
Road Name:	A229 Bluebell Hill
Extent:	From the existing 50mph speed limit 30m Maidstone side of the Cobtree Manor Park entrance to the existing 50mph speed restriction 1/4mile from the M2 junction 3
Dates:	Start: 3rd May 2011 End: 10th May 2011
Dates:	Start: 1st September 2011 End: 8th September 2011
Road Name:	A249 Detling Hill M2 to Bearsted Road, Maidstone
Extent:	From the roundabout with Bearsted Road (Newnham Court Farm) to existing 50mph speed limit 250m Detling side of Harple Lane
	From existing 50mph speed limit 40m Detling side of Osbourne Drive
Dates:	Start: 11th May 2011 End: 18th May 2011
Dates:	Start: 9th September 2011 End: 16th September 2011
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Extent:	From Old Mill Road to 50m Ashford side of the roundabout with the B2163 Penfold Hill
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Dates:	Start: 5th July 2011 End: 6th July 2011
Dates:	Start: 20th September 2011 End: 21st September 2011
Road Name:	A228 Hale Street Bypass
Extent:	From the roundabout with the B2015 to the roundabout with the B2160 Maidstone Road
Dates:	Start: 14th July 2011 End: 15th July 2011

Dates:	Start: 29th September 2011 End: 30th September 2011
Road Name:	A25 Sevenoaks Road, Ightham
Extent:	From junction with Rectory Lane to the junction of Pilar Box Lane
Dates:	Start: 19th July 2011 End: 19th July 2011
Dates:	Start: 4th October 2011 End: 4th October 2011
Road Name:	A25 Ightham Bypass, Ightham
Extent:	From the junction of Rectory Lane to the junction of Borough Green Road
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HIGHWAYS - District of Sevenoaks

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The alternative route for the above restriction will be via: Devon Road, Cedar Drive, A225 Main Road, station Road Horton Kirby, Horton Road, Holmesdale Road and Devon Road.

The purpose of the closure is to facilitate installation of a new footway across a river culvert.

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The purpose of the closure is to facilitate installation of replacement water main and lateral services.

HIGHWAYS - District of Shepway

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (VARIOUS ROADS, THE DISTRICT OF SHEPWAY) (RESTRICTIONS AND PROHIBITIONS OF WAITING, LOADING AND UNLOADING) (AMENDMENT NO. 3) ORDER 2010

Notice is hereby given that KENT COUNTY COUNCIL has made the above named Order under sections 1, 2 and 124 of and Part IV of Schedule 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the Chief Officer of Police in accordance with Part III of Schedule 9 to the Act:

The effect of the Order will be to introduce no waiting at any time (double yellow lines) on the following lengths of the eastern side of Coast Drive, Lydd on Sea and The Parade, Greatstone:

From a point opposite a point in line with the common boundary of Nos 144 and 146 The Parade for a distance of 80 metres in a northerly direction.

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From a point opposite a point in line with the common boundary of Nos 198 and 202 The Parade for a distance of 50 metres in a northerly direction.

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From a point opposite a point in line with the common boundary of Nos 160 and 161Coast Drive for a distance of 20 metres in a northerly direction.

The Order was sealed on 18 March 2011 and will come into force 21 March 2011.

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Highways – District of Sevenoaks

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 13 OF THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE) (ENGLAND) ORDER 2010**KCC/SE/0059/2011 - Proposed development at Knole Academy, Bradbourne Vale Road, Sevenoaks, Kent, TN13 3LE**

Knole Academy is applying to Kent County Council Planning Applications Group for planning permission for the erection of a 2 storey modular classroom block and the provision of 3 additional multi use playing courts. The proposed development does not accord with the provisions of the development plan in force in the area in which the land to which the application relates is situated.

You may view this application at Sevenoaks District Council, Council Offices, Argyle Road, Sevenoaks, Kent, TN13 1HG, or at our offices at the address below during all reasonable office hours. Alternatively you can view it on Kent County Council's website (www.kent.gov.uk/planning).

PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS) ACT 1990**KCC/CA/0044/2011 - Proposed development at St John's Board School, St John's Place, Northgate, Canterbury, Kent, CT1 1BD**

St John's Board School is applying to Kent County Council for planning permission for the refurbishment and remodelling of the former St John's Board School. Demolition is to the horsa building. The proposed development is within a Conservation Area and is likely to affect its character and/or appearance, and also affects the setting of a Listed Building. You may view this application at Canterbury City Council, Canterbury Main Office, Military Road, Canterbury, Kent, CT1 1YW, or at our offices at the address below during all reasonable office hours. Alternatively you can view it on Kent County Council's website (www.kent.gov.uk/planning).

We accept comments online via our website, by email to planning.applications@kent.gov.uk or in writing to Planning Applications Group, Kent County Council, First Floor, Invicta House, County Hall, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XX within 21 days from the date of this notice. Please quote the application reference number and note that comments may be drawn to the attention of Council Members, the applicant and other interested persons.

Sharon Thompson
Head of Planning Applications Group
Kent County Council
Dated: 20 March 2011



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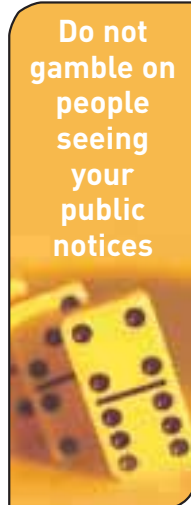
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Vauxhall Corsa

VAUXHALL really took the fight to arch rival Ford last month with a total of 9,812 new cars registered – nearly 2,300 more than the blue oval brand.

Fittingly, at a time when consumers are downsizing fast, the charge was led by its Corsa supermini, but it was joined by four other Vauxhalls in the UK sales top ten.

Vauxhall attributes the surge to desirable models – the classy Insignia family-size model is a former European Car of the Year winner, while the Astra family hatch and Meriva compact MPV have been finalists –

and to its enhanced Lifetime Warranty package delivering increased peace of mind to buyers.

But the key reason, for me, is the former; Vauxhall's dramatic shift to making cars of perceived higher quality and style – the latter inspired by Vauxhall and sister brand Opel's British design chief Mark Adams.

It is clear from the revised Corsa that the marque really has now got a handle on what is needed to catch the eye of buyers looking increasingly for cars that please both heart and mind.

The Corsa's old 'V' grille has been replaced by a chrome signature bar featuring the brand's new Griffin design, which also makes it easy to accommodate the Opel equivalent for the Continental market.

This adds to a front end altogether sleeker, more cohesive and upmarket, and there are five new colours in the mix; I wouldn't normally get excited here, but there are some interesting shades, not to mention names like Chilli Orange metallic, Guacamole and – the colour of the car I tested – Sunny Melon.

The style gurus have had fun with the cabin too, creating seat trims such as Steel



Blue and Tabasco Orange and lots of high-lighting to meet the Corsa interior's need for extra fizz to attract younger buyers.

My test car had seats with a smart-looking tyre tread motif running through it, which triggered some pretty 'tyred' puns and wisecracks from we hacks, but such banter is usually a positive sign for feedback about the car under scrutiny.

It was certainly hard to fault my Sunny Melon yellow sporty spec SRi Ecoflex (air con version) three-door with its pokey yet frugal low emission 130PS (129bhp) 1.7CDTi: it really caught the eye with the

bright colour and generous standard equipment including 17-inch alloys, body kit and chrome exhaust. It also comes with steering wheel mounted audio controls, electric windows, cruise control, sports front seats and aluminium pedals.

But the real crowd pleaser was the sporty package delivering lots of low down urge, taut steering and revised suspension that gives better handling, while seeming to achieve a more relaxed ride than before.

However, while Corsa prices start at a modest £9,995, January's VAT rise has added to the impact of the fairly steep climb on list prices for better specified models – the test car starts at £17,390 and the new touch screen sat nav pack with USB link and Bluetooth, adds £750.

It's impressive and better value than packages on some rivals, but still takes this particular supermini to £18,140. To be fair, Vauxhall has kept price rises on the new range to a minimum despite the VAT hike, but you need to drive a hard bargain with the dealer in the current climate.



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2005 (55) TOYOTA YARIS T SPIRIT VVT-I SDR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 5000 miles.....	£7,495	
2005 (55) TOYOTA YARIS VERSO T SPIRIT VVT-I MPV AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 9000 miles.....	£7,495	
2005 (55) TOYOTA YARIS T SPIRIT VVT-I SDR HATCH AUTO, CRYSTAL SILVER, 5000 miles.....	£6,995	
2007 (07) TOYOTA YARIS T3 VVT-I MM SDR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 21000 miles.....	£6,995	
2005 (05) TOYOTA YARIS T SPIRIT VVT-I SDR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 12000 miles.....	£6,995	
2005 (55) TOYOTA YARIS VERSO T3 VVT-I MPV AUTO, CHAMPAGNE, 25000 miles.....	£6,495	
2004 (04) TOYOTA YARIS T SPIRIT VVT-I SDR HATCH, BLACK, 25000 miles.....	£5,495	
NISSAN		
2010 (10) NISSAN QASHQAI TEKNA SDR HATCH AUTO, BLADE SILVER, 10000 miles.....	£19,995	
2009 (09) NISSAN QASHQAI TEKNA SDR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 8000 miles.....	£17,995	
2009 (09) NISSAN QASHQAI ACENTA SDR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 17000 miles.....	£15,995	
2009 (09) NISSAN QASHQAI ACENTA SDR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 9000 miles.....	£15,995	
2009 (09) NISSAN QASHQAI ACENTA SDR HATCH AUTO, ORANGE, 7000 miles.....	£15,995	
2008 (58) NISSAN QASHQAI ACENTA SDR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 2000 miles.....	£15,495	
2008 (58) NISSAN QASHQAI ACENTA SDR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 14000 miles.....	£14,995	
2007 (57) NISSAN QASHQAI ACENTA SDR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 21000 miles.....	£12,995	
2009 (59) NISSAN MICRA 25 CONVERTIBLE CC CONVERTIBLE AUTO, EMOTION RED, 11000 miles.....	£9,995	
2010 (10) NISSAN MICRA TEKNA SDR HATCH AUTO, BLADE SILVER, 6000 miles.....	£9,995	
2009 (59) NISSAN NOTE VISA MPV AUTO, GREY, 1900 miles.....	£9,995	
2009 (59) NISSAN MICRA ACENTA SDR HATCH AUTO, RED, 7000 miles.....	£8,495	
2009 (59) NISSAN MICRA ACENTA SDR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 8000 miles.....	£8,495	
2010 (60) NISSAN PIXO N-TEC SDR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 999 miles.....	£7,995	
2008 (08) NISSAN NOTE TEKNA MPV AUTO, BLACK, 7000 miles.....	£7,995	
2008 (58) NISSAN MICRA ACTIVE LUXURY SDR HATCH AUTO, GREY, 11000 miles.....	£7,995	
2008 (08) NISSAN NOTE TEKNA MPV AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 14000 miles.....	£7,995	
2007 (57) NISSAN MICRA ACENTA PLUS SDR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 12000 miles.....	£6,995	
2007 (57) NISSAN MICRA SPIRITA SDR HATCH AUTO, RED, 18000 miles.....	£6,995	
2007 (57) NISSAN MICRA ACENTA SDR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 15000 miles.....	£6,995	
2007 (57) NISSAN MICRA SPIRITA SDR HATCH AUTO, RED, 11000 miles.....	£6,495	
2006 (56) NISSAN NOTE SE MPV AUTO, ORANGE, 21000 miles.....	£5,995	
2005 (05) NISSAN ALMERA S SDR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 11000 miles.....	£4,995	
2002 (02) NISSAN MICRA S 3DR HATCH AUTO, WHITE, 10000 miles.....	£2,995	
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2009 (59) VAUXHALL ASTRA DESIGN 3DR HATCH AUTO, TECHNICAL GREY, 5000 miles.....	£9,495	
2010 (59) VAUXHALL ASTRA DESIGN 16V E4 SDR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 12000 miles.....	£9,495	
2009 (59) VAUXHALL ASTRA LIFE AC SDR HATCH AUTO, GREEN, 2000 miles.....	£8,995	
2009 (09) VAUXHALL ASTRA DESIGN 16V E4 SDR HATCH AUTO, SILVER LIGHTNING, 14000 miles.....	£8,995	
2009 (59) VAUXHALL ASTRA DESIGN 16V E4 SDR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 8000 miles.....	£8,495	
2008 (58) VAUXHALL ASTRA DESIGN 16V E4 SDR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 30000 miles.....	£8,495	
2008 (58) VAUXHALL ASTRA LIFE AC 16V E4 SDR HATCH AUTO, ULTRA BLUE, 11000 miles.....	£7,495	
2008 (08) VAUXHALL ASTRA LIFE AC 16V E4 SDR HATCH AUTO, BEIGE/BUFF, 14000 miles.....	£6,995	
2007 (57) VAUXHALL ASTRA DESIGN 16V E4 SDR HATCH AUTO, TURQUOISE, 20000 miles.....	£6,995	
2007 (57) VAUXHALL ASTRA DESIGN 16V E4 SDR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 19000 miles.....	£6,995	
2008 (57) VAUXHALL ASTRA LIFE AC 16V E4 SDR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 9000 miles.....	£5,995	
2007 (57) VAUXHALL ASTRA LIFE AC 16V E4 SDR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 17000 miles.....	£5,995	
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2010 (10) VAUXHALL ASTRA SRI SDR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 1600 miles.....	£13,995	
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2008 (58) VAUXHALL ASTRA LIFE AC 140 ESTATE AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 8000 miles.....	£7,995	
2008 (08) VAUXHALL ASTRA LIFE AC 140 ESTATE AUTO, SILVER, 14000 miles.....	£6,995	
2007 (57) VAUXHALL ASTRA DESIGN 140 ESTATE AUTO, BLUE, 14000 miles.....	£6,995	
2008 (08) VAUXHALL ASTRA LIFE AC 140 ESTATE AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 12000 miles.....	£6,995	
2006 (56) VAUXHALL ASTRA DESIGN 16V ESTATE AUTO, PANACOTTA, 16000 miles.....	£6,495	
2006 (56) VAUXHALL ASTRA LIFE AC 16V ESTATE AUTO, BLACK, 11000 miles.....	£5,995	

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2008 (08) VAUXHALL ZAFIRA DESIGN DIRECT MPV AUTO, BLUE, 850 miles.....		£10,995
2008 (08) VAUXHALL ZAFIRA LIFE 16V MPV AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 12000 miles.....		£8,995
2009 (09) VAUXHALL AGILA DESIGN SDR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 5000 miles.....		£8,995
2009 (59) VAUXHALL MERIVA LIFE 16V MPV AUTO, GOLD, 3000 miles.....		£8,995
2007 (57) VAUXHALL ZAFIRA LIFE 16V MPV AUTO, ULTRA BLUE, 9000 miles.....		£7,995
2008 (57) VAUXHALL ZAFIRA LIFE 16V MPV AUTO, PANNA COTTA, 11000 miles.....		£7,995
2007 (57) VAUXHALL ZAFIRA LIFE 16V MPV AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 14000 miles.....		£7,995
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2008 (58) CHEVROLET MATIZ SE SDR HATCH AUTO, GREEN, 7000 miles.....		£5,995
2004 (54) VAUXHALL ZAFIRA LIFE 16V MPV AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 78000 miles.....		£3,995
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2007 (57) PEUGEOT 307 S COUPE CABRIOLET COUPE AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 8000 miles.....		£9,995
2007 (57) PEUGEOT 307 S COUPE CABRIOLET COUPE AUTO, BLACK, 15000 miles.....		£9,995
2010 (10) PEUGEOT 207 S 16V SDR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 7000 miles.....		£9,495
2008 (08) PEUGEOT 207 SW SE ESTATE AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 8000 miles.....		£8,995
2007 (57) PEUGEOT 207 SPORT SDR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 2000 miles.....		£7,995
2007 (57) PEUGEOT 307 SDR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 18000 miles.....		£6,995
2007 (57) PEUGEOT 206 LOOK SDR HATCH AUTO, GREY, 2000 miles.....		£6,995
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2007 (57) MITSUBISHI LANCER ELEGANCE ESTATE AUTO, GREY, 19000 miles.....		£6,995
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2008 (57) HONDA CR-V I-YTEC SE SDR HATCH AUTO 4x4, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 15000 miles.....		£17,995
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2006 (06) HONDA CR-V I-YTEC SE ESTATE AUTO 4x4, BLACK, 26000 miles.....		£11,995
2009 (09) HONDA JAZZ DSI SE SDR HATCH AUTO, RED, 3000 miles.....		£10,995
2008 (58) HONDA JAZZ DSI SE SDR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 9000 miles.....		£10,495
2007 (07) HONDA JAZZ DSI SE SDR HATCH AUTO, RED, 8000 miles.....		£8,995
2004 (54) HONDA JAZZ DSI SE SDR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 18000 miles.....		£6,495
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2007 (57) MERCEDES-BENZ C CLASS A150 AVANTGARDE SE SDR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 11000 miles.....		£9,995
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2006 (06) VOLKSWAGEN GOLF SE SDR HATCH AUTO, GREY, 5000 miles.....		£9,995
2007 (57) VOLKSWAGEN GOLF S SDR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 16000 miles.....		£9,995
2008 (58) VOLKSWAGEN POLO MATCH 3DR AUTO, BLACK, 12000 miles.....		£9,995
2007 (57) VOLKSWAGEN POLO S SDR HATCH AUTO, GREY, 13000 miles.....		£7,995
2007 (07) VOLKSWAGEN POLO S (80BHP) SDR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 18000 miles.....		£7,995
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2009 (09) RENAULT GRAND SCENIC DYNAMIQUE DCI FAP TURBO MPV AUTO, BLUE, 6000 miles.....		£16,995
2010 (60) VAUXHALL MERIVA SE CDTI TD MPV AUTO, GREY, 5000 miles.....		£16,995
2009 (59) MERCEDES-BENZ C CLASS A160 CDI CLASSIC SE SDR TD HATCH, BLACK, 4000 miles.....		£13,995
2009 (09) MERCEDES-BENZ C CLASS A160 CDI CLASSIC SE SDR TD HATCH AUTO, STEPPE BROWN, 13000 miles.....		£12,995
2009 (09) VAUXHALL ZAFIRA EXCLUSIV CDTI TD MPV AUTO, ICE GREEN, 7000 miles.....		£12,995
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2005 (05) VOLKSWAGEN GOLF PLUS LUNA TDI SDR TD HATCH, BLUE, 20000 miles.....		£7,995
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2008 (08) HUNDAI MATRIX CLASSIC MPV, BLACK, 8000 miles.....		£5,995
2005 (05) TOYOTA COROLLA T COLOUR COLLECTION VVT-I SDR HATCH, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 33000 miles.....		£5,995
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2006 (56) VAUXHALL CORSA DESIGN 16V TWINPORT 3DR HATCH, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 2000 miles.....		£5,495
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2008 (58) NISSAN QASHQAI ACENTA 5DR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 14000 miles.....		£14,995
2007 (57) NISSAN QASHQAI ACENTA 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 21000 miles.....		£12,995

FIRST GEAR

Compiled by Steve Loader



The beast is back

WE MAY be witnessing the last hurrah of muscle cars in the UK, but Vauxhall's Aussie-derived VXR8 halo car is back on sale.

Priced from £45,000, it is around ten grand dearer than last time due to the fall-out between a strong Australian dollar and faltering UK pound, but 'The Thunder from Down Under' still represents remarkable value for money, is better specified than before, and drives considerably better.

But the fact that Vauxhall expects to sell just 30 of these rear-wheel drive 400+bhp monsters a year also underlines the model's wider value to the marque and its sporting VXR sub-brand as a publicity machine.

It looks the part, sitting on brutal-looking 20-inch alloys and featuring a new, 'Shockwave' grille, LED daytime running lights and tail lamps, sleek new wing-vents, 'Superflow' rear spoiler, and twin exhaust tips that mimic the shape of the front grille.

The throbbing 6.2-litre V8 will punch the VXR8 to 60mph in 4.9 seconds and quickly onto a governed 155mph maximum and far more securely than before thanks to a revised chassis featuring Magnetic Ride Control (standard on GTS only).

The cabin is also far better, with capacious full leather seating and surprising practicality thrown in with the four-door body.

Baby Volvo even more attractive

VOLVO has revamped its highly under-rated hatch-back coupe, the C30, which now starts from just £14,995 and is offered with tempting customisation packages.

The add-ons range from styling kits and tow bars to portable navigation systems and engine performance upgrades via Volvo's partnership with Polestar.

Petrol choice ranges from 2.0-litre petrol to the hot hatch T5, while there is also a range of smooth diesel options.

The C30 also comes with varying levels of specification from the ES to the SE Lux, including the sports



derived R-Design trim and London Congestion Charge/road tax-beating DRIVE version producing just 99g/km of CO₂.



Audi takes on its own flagship with the brand new A6

AUDI has majored on reducing weight, fuel consumption and emissions for its stunning all-new A6 saloon.

Composite aluminium and steel construction was used to make it around 15 per cent lighter than an all-steel equivalent, so it delivers a company car 'user-chooser'-friendly 129g/km CO₂ in emissions and an average around 57mpg.

One petrol and four diesel engines are currently offered, teamed with manual or a choice of two auto transmissions. Audi's trademark Quattro permanent all-wheel drive is also available.

Audi claims the newcomer offers a similar cabin ambience and look as its flagship A8 limousine model, though start prices are considerably less, from £30,145.

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THE NEW CT 200h

The Lexus CT 200h is leading a quiet revolution. Its sophisticated full hybrid system creates near-silent driving in electric mode, with class-leading low emissions and superb fuel efficiency. It delivers a truly rewarding driving experience, with smooth acceleration and agile handling.

Representative example

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35 Monthly payments	£299.00
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Total amount payable	£27,624.19
Fixed rate of interest (per annum)	5.10%
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CT 200h prices start from £23,485 OTR. Model shown CT 200h SE-I costing £23,995 including optional metallic paint at £510. Price correct at time of going to print and includes VAT, delivery, number plates, full tank of fuel, one year's road fund license and £55 first registration fee. †9.9% Representative APR over 3 years on Lexus Connect Contract Purchase available on all new retail CT 200h SE-I, when registered and financed through Lexus Financial Services Great Burgh, Burgh Heath, Epsom, Surrey KT18 5UJ at participating Lexus Centres, valid until 31 March 2011. Other finance offers are available but cannot be used in conjunction with this offer. Vehicle on sale from March 2011. Terms and conditions apply. Excess mileage charge applies over 30,000 at 9 pence per mile. Indemnities may be required. Finance subject to status to over 18s only. Lexus Centres are independent of Lexus Financial Services. Subject to availability.

CT 200h fuel consumption and CO₂ figures: urban 68.9 mpg (4.1L/100km), extra-urban 70.6 mpg (4.0L/100km), combined 68.9 mpg (4.1L/100km). CO₂ emissions combined 94 g/km.

Revolutionary Lexus breaks cover quietly in the county

by
STEVELOADER

LEXUS dealers in Kent have celebrated the 'quiet revolution' – the arrival of the Japanese premium brand's all-new CT200h executive hatchback hybrid.

The car is being touted as a mould-breaker for its target sector, where it can attack the BMW 1-Series, Audi A3 and up-spec VW Golf and even nudge at the bigger BMW 3-Series and its rivals by offering an economical and highly attractive tax-efficient solution for company car user choosers.

The secret is the petrol-electric hybrid system and the kind of dynamic rear-wheel drive handling experience that its everyday front-driven Toyota hybrid sibling, the Prius, cannot match.

Compact

It also helps that the marketing drive for this compact model is being spearheaded by compact superstar Kylie Minogue – usually pictured in the Lexus ads holding a finger to her lips to emphasise the 'Join the quiet revolution' strapline.

With a powertrain that can run in near silent electric mode, the CT200h certainly



ENTHUSIASM: Launch weekend was well attended, with around 200 visitors to Lexus Canterbury. Centre manager Paul Stapylton (inset) said he expected the CT200h (above) to put Lexus back on the map with buyers

offers a revolutionary option for executive car buyers.

It is also stamped with all the Lexus hallmarks: exemplary build quality, loads of standard kit and a real premium feel to the interior, and it is no wonder that there was genuine enthusiasm at the launch weekend held by Motorline Group's two Kent dealers,

Lexus Canterbury and Lexus Tunbridge Wells.

Some 200 people attended the event at Canterbury, where centre manager Paul Stapylton expected the CT200h to put Lexus back on the map with buyers – the brand's volumes have suffered against German rivals during the recession.

"This car is going to bring back the volume

for Lexus and we fully expect to struggle to match demand with supply," he said.

Paul, who recently took over the post at the Broad Oak Road site after being based at Motorline's nearby Renault centre, added: "This is also a really exciting time to be involved with Lexus, which is pushing the boundaries back on quality and technology."

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Q I would be glad of your advice about investing in wine. According to a brochure from a wine company, the returns are far ahead of anything from banks, building societies or the stock market. It appears possible to double my money within a few years, with no tax to pay as wine investments are tax-free. Something tells me this looks a bit too easy, though, and if this was a guaranteed safe investment, then everyone would be putting their money into it.

A Buy the right wine and you can certainly double your money – and more! Composer Andrew Lloyd Webber has made millions by buying wine, storing it for years and then selling it at auction. But you cannot just walk into your local off-licence and expect to walk out with investment-grade wine that will show you a big, safe profit. There are specialist wine dealers who will recommend suitable wines and vintages, based on what you can afford and on whether you are happy to put your money into something that may look speculative today but could be a big hit five or 10 years from now. It is usually a good idea to store your wine in a bonded warehouse, which keeps it safe, in a controlled temperature, and with no duty to pay. Call Magnum Fine Wines (020 7629 5607). Magnum will suggest a portfolio of investment wines to match any sum from £2,500 up. Over the past 10 years, wines have risen in value by about 12pc a year, it says. Or contact The Wine Society. It is owned by its members and offers anyone help in buying a range of good wines. But be careful of any wine investment company that calls or sends you an unsolicited brochure through the post. There are lots of unscrupulous firms that charge over the odds and may never even deliver your wine before they cease trading. If you have already been approached in this way, check the name of the firm against the list of shady dealers (<http://investdrinks-blog.blogspot.com>) compiled by wine writer Jim Budd.

Q In 1986 I was in an accident at work, and my pension was increased as I had to retire early. One of your articles some years ago was about how someone in my position should not be taxed on the increase in my pension. I sent the taxman a copy of your article. I was given refunds back to 1991, and now every year I make a claim and get a cheque – so, this is a belated thank-you!

A The taxman has lots of little-known rules, and this is one of them. If an employee is injured at work, or catches a work-related illness, then any pension over and above the normal entitlement escapes tax. The snag is that the taxman will not know whether you are getting anything extra. He will assume you are on a normal pension and tax the lot.

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Meanwhile, most pensioners who are getting something extra because of an industrial accident or illness will assume that all their pension is taxable and will not know that some should be exempt.

Q I had an endowment policy with Norwich Union which matured in 2007. A couple of years ago you reported on a windfall payment due, and my policy fell within the time limits for a windfall. What has happened since then? Have I missed out?

A Not all policies qualified for the windfall. The “spare cash” was linked to policies issued by Commercial Union and General Accident, which – with Norwich Union – is now part of the Aviva insurance group. Payouts were made nearly two years ago. If you were not contacted, my guess is that your policy did not qualify. But it is not too late to check. Go to www.lifefit.qs.aviva.co.uk/fundtransfer/announce/am-i-nv-eligible.do and enter your policy number. You can still claim if your policy qualifies.

Q The Post Office is selling bonds that yield 4pc, which seems good in the current climate. Do you think rates will go higher if I wait?

A Interest rates could hardly go any lower, so the answer is yes, they will rise – and the rise will come this year. The bonds are a three-year investment, so keep some money back to take advantage of the expected upturn. And always have some rainy day cash on easy access. That said, you are right. The 4pc yield is good. Remember, these bonds may be advertised in the Post Office but you have to go online to get them, at www.postoffice.co.uk/savings

Q Does the rule about card companies having to repay cardholders if a shop fails to deliver goods only apply in this country? I ordered something from the Channel Islands and paid £129 with plastic, but got nothing and the mail order firm's phone is dead.

A All that matters is that you and your bank are in this country. Contact your card issuer, quote Section 75 of the Consumer Credit Act, and claim a refund.

■ If you have a personal-finance question, write to Tony Hetherington, MyMoney24, Prospect House, Rouen Road, Norwich NR1 1RE. We regret that neither Tony nor the MyMoney24 team can enter into personal correspondence.



MOBILE SHAKE-UP: Ofcom's decision to cap termination rates means good news for consumers – and for smaller networks.

Ruling set to bring down cost of calls

Phone users should see a fall in charges after the industry regulator announced a cut in the cost of mobile termination rates – the wholesale charges that operators make to each other to connect calls to their networks.

Ofcom said it would place a cap on the rates charged by all four national mobile network operators – 3UK, O2, Everything Everywhere and Vodafone – from April 1, leading to an 80pc reduction in termination rates over the next four years.

The regulator said it would

reduce the cost to landline companies of passing calls to mobiles, with the competitive landline market expected to pass these savings on to consumers.

It is also likely to promote competition in the mobile market, with operators having more pricing flexibility.

“Hard-pressed customers will finally get a fairer deal on their landline-to-mobile and cross-network mobile calls,” said Mike Wilson, mobile manager at Moneysupermarket.com.

“For too long, consumers have

paid over the odds.”

Ernest Doku, of Uswitch.com, said: “It is disappointing that Ofcom has not taken on board the European Commission’s recommendation to reduce these rates in half the time.

“Nevertheless, this is a clear victory against the bully boys. While termination rates have served as a tidy revenue for the big networks, the minnows in the market such as Three have struggled to make headway.

“This news will really boost competition.”

Families bear brunt of falling income

A growing number of families are particularly vulnerable to job losses and reduced income over the coming months, with many households facing a struggle to pay all their bills.

That’s the verdict of charity the Consumer Credit Counselling Service (CCCS), which has drawn on its analysis of 470,000 households which have debt problems.

The CCCS said that, at best, “the majority of these households are faced with stagnating or falling incomes and rising costs”.

It added: “At worst, they face job loss and unemployment. Everyone is trying to service relatively high levels of debts, and in many cases the situation is simply unsustainable.

“As a result, a substantial proportion of CCCS clients continue to be unable to meet the costs of everyday living. Almost half of clients ascribe their problems to job loss or reduced income from work.”

The charity said that stagnating or falling incomes at a time of increases in the costs of living had combined

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with the impact of imminent benefit changes. Last year, almost half of all the people seen by the CCCS cited the loss of employment or income as a reason for their debts, while a third lacked the means to cover their basic living costs – let alone repay their debts.

Lord Stevenson, chairman of the CCCS, said: “The picture is undoubtedly bleak and it seems likely that many more families, including better-off ones, will be increasingly prone to over-indebtedness in the months ahead.

“It is also not a uniform picture across the country; public sector cuts in terms of jobs, spending and benefits will weigh disproportionately on certain groups of people.”

The alert from the CCCS follows a report from fellow charity Credit Action that warns of 45 significant changes to taxes and benefits coming into force on April 6.

Income tax thresholds, national insurance, tax credits and child benefit are among the things that will change at the start of the new tax year.

With changes at the start of 2011 – in particular, the rise in VAT – having already cost a typical family £480, Credit Action reckons the imminent changes will cost the average household a further £200 a year.

Credit Action associate director Joanna Parsley said: “The 45 major changes that we have identified will affect everyone – there really is no way to avoid them.

“Although not every change will have a detrimental impact, changes to tax and welfare benefits coupled with rising energy and food prices, and fears over potential interest rate rises and further job losses, mean that household budgets in 2011 will continue to be squeezed.

“It is vital that with under a month to go until these changes take effect, everyone looks to revisit their finances and get them in order.”

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FUEL prices have piled extra pressure on firms already facing difficulties. The latest price hike has prompted a renewal of the FSB's appeal to Government for a fuel duty stabiliser.

Other firms, including Kent haulage company R Swain and Sons, would rather see the next fuel duty increase scrapped altogether and warned that further Middle East troubles could send pump prices heading towards the £1.50 per litre mark.



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We need Budget to oil the engine of growth

CHANCELLOR George Osborne has promised his Budget will help foster further economic growth.

The Coalition Government frontbencher made his pledge at the Conservative Party's spring conference in Cardiff. He also spoke of the "hurting" families who have been hit by rising costs, particularly at the petrol pump. Osborne said the Budget – due to be delivered on Wednesday – will

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help these families without risking the country's economic stability.

He said: "I know how hard the rises in world oil prices are hurting families in Britain. When it costs £1.30 for a litre of petrol, £80 to fill up a family car, I know people feel squeezed. And I

say to people, 'I hear you'.

"This April I'm freezing council tax, I'm cutting income tax for 23 million people, I'm increasing child tax credit payments to the low paid.

"But we've got another of Labour's pre-prepared rises in petrol tax also coming this April, one penny above inflation. I won't take risks with economic stability or wreck the public finances but I promise I am doing everything I can to find a way to help families."

What does Kent expect from the Chancellor?

WITH the public becoming more nervous about NHS cutbacks, I would like to see measures to reduce the financial pressures on the health service.

Individuals who take out private medical insurance should be encouraged and rewarded for taking responsibility for their health and wellbeing, reducing the cost burden on the NHS. Advances in medical treatment come at a price, with more money needing to be pumped into the NHS for it to cope.

Government has an impossible task to maintain standards while reducing funding in real terms.

People should be given a tax break to help pay for private medical insurance, especially pensioners. They can find themselves losing cover previously provided by employers and cannot afford to pay their own medical insurance once they stop working.

Companies should be given tax incentives, as this would make them more productive while again helping reduce the burden on the NHS. If Government wants the NHS to be sustainable, bold decisions need to be made now.

Richard Bamford, key account director, Citrus Healthcare Consulting, Hildenborough

CREASEYS' top Budget wishes:

- Please, no tinkering with the tax system unless absolutely necessary – we already have over 12,000 pages of tax law.
- Leave the taxation of business alone in order to encourage investment and prevent businesses having to restructure to save or defer tax.
- Leave Capital Gains Tax alone or look to reduce the main 28 per cent rate. Retain the 10 per cent rate for sales of businesses in order to encourage entrepreneurs to invest.
- Encourage international investment, and no crack-down for the taxation of non-residents and non-doms.
- Recognise that family trusts can be a useful way of protecting family wealth and not only to be regarded as a tax dodge. Try to reduce the amount of tax trusts pay.
- Consult and liaise with the business community before making tax changes. And no changes or tinkering unless absolutely necessary. It would be good to have a Budget one year that makes no tax changes at all.

Richard Holme, Partner, Creaseys, Tunbridge Wells

GIVEN the Government's position of tackling the deficit while trying to make it appear we are all better off – and having ruled out tax cuts – it looks unwise to wish for too much.

As many as 500,000 will no longer pay income tax due to the starting rate being increased to £10,000 in 2011/12. Another 750,000 will fall into the higher rate bracket as it is reduced to £35,000.

It has been good to see an increase in the limits for ISAs – long overdue. It would be good to see more done to encourage people to save, both in the short term and beyond, with perhaps a reduction in Capital Gains Tax for those with assets held over

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George Osborne
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periods of, say, more than five years, and more to encourage savings towards retirement. It's a shame those affected by long-term care funding issues will see their assets seized more quickly as the means test threshold has been held at £23,250. I would like to see a reduction in VAT levied on purchases – and don't get me started on the price of petrol.

Kieron Robertson, estate planner and independent financial adviser, Valiant Financial Consultants, Tunbridge Wells

OSBORNE must centre the Budget on entrepreneurialism and business growth. Getting people back to work and safeguarding the liquidity of small businesses is the priority. Offering rewards and incentives to businesses to employ people by offering relief from employers' NI or rebates on previous years' corporation tax will take the risk out of new hires for small businesses and get consumers spending again.

As the state-controlled banks, which control a significant proportion of business banking, remain risk-averse, the incentives for families and friends to invest in small businesses need to be increased and ways found to make it easier and safer for them to do so.

The price of fuel is becoming an inhibitor to business growth. Steps need to be taken to bring fuel prices down or at least cap them. VAT on website developments should be removed and brought into line with the VAT status of printed brochures. Finally, the Bank of England needs to play its part and not increase interest rates until economic recovery is secure.

Neil Edwards, MD, The Marketing Eye

SINCE implementation of the 50 per cent personal tax rate, much wasted time was spent preparing for this leap upwards, which only affected a minor portion of the population.

More cost-effective methods of collecting taxes from a larger proportion of the population would have been better. My wish is for the 50 per cent tax to be abolished – it is discouraging entrepreneurship.

We need to kick-start the economy again and help businesses to recover. They need assistance with R&D to give them a chance to be innovative, create new income streams and boost the bottom line. Tax incentives could be implemented to aid such growth.

We have so many systems and procedures for tax collections/payments. A radical review and simplification of Capital Gains Tax, pensions and Inheritance Tax (IHT) is required. The latter also needs to be reviewed, with a significant rise in the minimum threshold and a more transparent/formalised method of calculation. The current system leads to abuse. IHT calculation should be regionalised against the value of main residence.

Capital Gains Tax. In order to retain increased profits for small companies, Corporation Tax for profits below £300,000 is due to reduce to 20 from 21 per cent. It is imperative this commitment by the previous Labour government is followed through.

We have the highest petrol taxes in Europe. With fuel expected to reach £8 per litre, this will have a catastrophic impact, including on the car industry, parking fees, taxes etc. Companies should be provided with tax incentives to go green. The cost of doing so is significant – and for no intrinsic benefit to the company, just the environment.

Chris Winning, director, The Winning Partnership, Tunbridge Wells

THE Chancellor has a difficult job to achieve a Budget that has a positive impact on both business and individuals, while continuing with measures already taken to reduce the UK's high level of debt.

Individuals' spending power is being eroded through inflationary pressures due to increasing food, commodity and oil prices. With the rising price of oil, Government is already benefiting from extra tax take and while the additional fuel duty levy was built in to calculations for reducing the debt, the impact on individuals and business is increasingly apparent. I would like to see any rise in fuel duty deferred or scrapped.

While businesses continue to benefit from low interest rates, these will change at some point. Businesses must be prepared for this and plan for it. I would like to see the Chancellor concentrating on bringing in opportunities for businesses, to stimulate investment.

There are many ways that could be considered: reducing red tape, speeding up the planning process, simplifying the corporate tax regime and looking to reduce the 50p income tax rate.

Nick Green, branch manager, Handelsbanken, Tunbridge Wells

Comment

BANK of England bosses found themselves in the unenviable position of a 'lose/lose' situation last week when the interest rates issue reared its ugly head once again.

The Bank's Monetary Policy Committee voted in favour of keeping the record low 0.5 per cent rate in place, a move aimed at avoiding a double dip recession.

But this has left inflation – currently running wild at four per cent – unchecked.

I'll bet my hat that one of the financial experts on the MPC board took a moment away from pulling his hair out to utter the desperate yet eloquent summary: "We're damned if we do, damned if we don't."

Inflation now stands at double the Bank's target and desperately needs to be brought in line.

But an interest rate rise runs the risk of leading to a downturn in borrowing at a time when the country is slowly trying to claw its way out of recession.

The general consensus from the City is that the Bank was right to prioritise interest rates.

So the key question is when the Bank will act on inflation.

If it moves too quickly business confidence will suffer but the Bank cannot afford to drag its heels on inflation for too long. Key costs, such as fuel and energy prices, are sky high and rising.

This additional expenditure has seen businesses up their prices in order to maintain profit margins – a policy the out-of-pocket public will only wear for so long.

The first interest rate rise is expected to come in May.

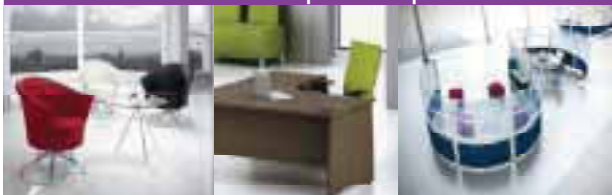
With business growth across Kent and the rest of the South East picking up in Q1 and showing signs of further improvement, let us hope that the Bank's timing is spot on and that a potentially disastrous double dip is avoided.

Turn to page 50 for more on interest rates.

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Engineers' talent recognised

STRATEGY director Hugh Porter has been awarded Fellowship of the Institution of Civil Engineers.

Mr Porter, from Chatham, was recognised for his work at Woodrush Solutions Limited.

The fellowship is ICE's highest award and is only conferred on those who have made a significant contribution to civil engineering.

Respected internationally, the fellowship is a benchmark for those practising at the highest levels in the industry.

Fellow engineers David Amaku, project manager at Bovis Lend Lease from

Folkestone, and Malcolm Howard, a senior engineer with Transport for London from West Malling, both received membership of the ICE.

ICE South East England director John Lavery said: "Civil engineering is an important discipline sitting right at the heart of society. It is all about creating, improving and protecting the infrastructure that we all depend on in our day-to-day lives."

"Congratulations to Hugh, David and Malcolm on their success in demonstrating their high professional standards and expertise in civil engineering."



FELLOWSHIP: Hugh Porter

Restaurant app takes the industry by storm

A HIGH-tech restaurant booking app has been snapped up by Apple's iPad business division as part of their sales drive in the States.

The VirtuaBook program gives diners a 3D layout of the restaurant and allows them to book the time and date of their reservation.

They can even choose the table they wish to sit at.

It was developed by Ashford-based digital media production company Rogue Interactive Ltd and is currently being trialled in London and the South East.

Despite VirtuaBook being at only the development stage, the app has created a big buzz in the gadget industry.

Apple Inc, behind the iPod, iPhone and iPad, contacted Rogue Interactive to ask permission to use the app as part of its sales drive for iPads to restaurants in California.

Requests have already come in for variations tailored to restaurants in Germany and Mexico.

VirtuaBook's Peter Blay said the App could take the hospitality trade by storm.

"The App creates an easy-to-use, paperless booking system and replaces the need for a front-of-house diary," he said. "Customers have complete flexibility to book their preferred date and time – even their favourite table."



PAPERLESS: Diners can use VirtuaBook to reserve a table, even choosing where they want to sit

alise availability but also for potential customers who might want to choose a window seat, for example, or even an area with disabled access.

"You can manage all aspects of your restaurant, accounting for each day's opening and closing times, or managing sessions with the break-time feature."

"This is a really exciting development. We are already looking at an upgrade which will facilitate at-table ordering, with menu choices being sent directly through to the chefs in the kitchen."

For more information visit www.virtua-book.com.

Bank backs GPs' ambitions



FEELING GOOD: Dr Juneja with NatWest's healthcare manager Martin Garner

TWO doctors have taken on their own surgery after signing a £575,000 funding package with NatWest.

Dr Juneja and Dr Broom used the cash to buy the Marlowe Park Medical Practice in Strood.

The pair are now working on boosting the purpose-built surgery's patient numbers from the 3,200 they inherited to 4,000.

Dr Juneja said: "It is really exciting for us to finally be our own bosses. The premises in Strood became available when the previous owner was looking to sell, so inheriting his patients made the transition easier."

"We are confident so far that we have made the right decision and thank NatWest for their valued support throughout the process."

NatWest's healthcare manager Martin Garner, who oversaw the funding deal, added: "Both Dr Juneja and Dr Broom instilled me with confidence from the outset, given their medical experience and appetite to succeed, and it is rewarding to see them fulfilling their personal ambitions."

"I wish them both every success as they establish themselves in the local community."

■ SHEPHERD Neame's turnover rose by 1.6 per cent year-on-year, new figures have shown. The Faversham brewery's half-year results up to December 25, 2010, showed turnover stood at £61.7 million.

There were strong performances from Spitfire, Bishop's Finger and Asahi, sending like-for-like retail sales up 3.6 per cent. Operating profit remained static at £6.4m.

Sheps chairman Miles Templeman said: "This has been another good performance for the company. We have achieved record turnover and record total beer volume against a background of adverse weather and pressure on disposable income."

■ A SERIES of monthly business advice clinics will be held in east Kent throughout the year. The free sessions will be open to enterprises of all sizes that would like the opportunity to discuss any aspect of their business with commercial specialists. The consultations are being offered by the Dover and Thanet and East Kent Chambers of Commerce.

Chamber manager Sylvia Fagg said: "The clinics will be staffed by successful businessmen and women who understand what is needed to beat the competition."

The clinics take place on the first Wednesday of the month in Dover and the first Friday of the month in Broadstairs.

You can email mail@doverchamber.co.uk or manager@tekcc.co.uk for more details.

■ NATWEST'S MoneySense coach Sandra Latter went back to school to test the next generation of budding entrepreneurs.

The finance expert divided Leeds and Broomfield Primary School youngsters into rival coffee shop firms and set them a series of challenges. The year five and six pupils developed business plans, drew up budgets and made preparations for opening shops, before going through the motions of running the business and making a profit.

Latter said: "It's been a trip down memory lane. This was my primary school, years ago. I've been impressed with the creativity and business acumen the pupils have shown."

■ PERMANENT staff placements increased at their sharpest rate for months, according to the latest employment figures. The Report on Jobs showed the number of temporary placements also rose to their highest level since May, 2007. These numbers were underpinned by robust growth in demand for staff.

The Recruitment and Employment Confederation's South East director, Clive Hutchings, said: "We are definitely beginning to see signs of the market for jobs being stronger in the next three months."

"This has been particularly noticeable in sectors such as IT, engineering, mechanical, electronics and software, when demand for skilled staff is gathering momentum."

■ THE South East's private sector economy continued to gain momentum last month, with both output and employment rising to an eight-month high.

Lloyds TSB's business activity index, which measures the combined output of the manufacturing and service sectors, revealed the region was recovering well from December's slowdown. Firms continued to add to their workforces last month and the rate of employment growth strengthened to its fastest since June. However, inflationary pressures continued to build, with input prices rising for a seventh consecutive month. The cost of raw materials and energy were key factors, forcing firms to raise output prices to keep profits intact.

Early signs of hope in task force report

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SEVERAL research organisations have expressed an interest in filling Pfizer's shoes in Sandwich, Coalition Government ministers have been told.

The revelation was made by the Pfizer taskforce in its first 30-day report.

The paper, delivered to ministers on Tuesday, also made a number of key recommendations as to how Government can help to ease the impact of Pfizer's withdrawal from Kent – a move that will affect 2,400 on-site and 3,000-plus offsite workers.

Ministers heard how Pfizer chiefs were currently engaged in "detailed and commercial" talks with contract research organisations.

It is hoped these firms could create economic activity and job opportunities at the site, keeping Kent's skilled pharmaceutical workers in the county.

Five phases of action were listed, including proposals to preserve jobs at the vast research and development centre to creating a long-term delivery plan for wider opportunities in the area.

These include designating east Kent as one of Government's proposed enterprise zones, namely a Research, Innovation and Technology Zone (RITZ), covering Sandwich and the Manston corridor.



CLOSURE: Pfizer's European R&D base at Sandwich is attracting wider interest

Companies setting up there would benefit from tax breaks, lenient planning rules and National Insurance contribution holidays for

new start-ups. Zone status would aim to attract businesses and boost employment.

The report also calls for the creation of an East Kent Recovery and Growth Package, including the development of high-speed rail access and a reduction in journey times to Thanet and Dover.

Kent County Council leader and taskforce chairman Cllr Paul Carter said they would leave no stone unturned in stimulating business at the Pfizer site and in growing wider employment opportunities to help staff, contractors and the local economy.

"Our report focuses on the opportunities presented by the world-class skills and facilities built by Pfizer over the last 60 years," he said.

"Combined, they offer a unique asset on which to build a new model of hi-tech growth and employment which would be of importance not only to Kent, but to the country."

"Time is of the essence. The taskforce has brought together experts from business, finance, universities, politics and local government. We have sought to understand best practice from around the UK and the world in developing workable solutions which will deliver our vision of growth in this unique and historic area."

Pfizer's Sandwich site head Ruth McKernan said the immediate priority was to support staff through the transition with training and outplacement events.

She added that discussions with third parties who could help provide jobs to meet the skills and expertise of staff were continuing.

Belfast will replace Manchester flights



FLIGHTS from Manston to Manchester will be suspended from next month.

Route operator Flybe said the service was being axed due to low passenger numbers – with the flight "economically and environmentally hard to justify".

The Edinburgh service will continue and a new route to Belfast will begin in May. The summer service will run three times a week.

Flights are available for booking now, with fares from £29.99 one way, including taxes and charges.

Flybe chief commercial officer Mike Rutter said: "We're delighted to be adding this new service between Belfast and Manston, providing passengers with a quick and direct route between South East England and Northern Ireland. While the service to

Manchester has unfortunately proved unsustainable, we've been delighted with the support shown by travellers to and from the region on the Manston-Edinburgh route and remain committed to developing our route network from Manston."

Manston airport chief executive Charles Buchanan said: "We are pleased Flybe has reinforced its commitment to Manston with the announcement of a Belfast service."

"Initially this will be three times a week, but will hopefully increase as demand grows and aircraft become available."

"Sadly, despite the best efforts of both the Manston airport team and Flybe, the Manchester route has not proved sustainable. However, we are confident that Belfast will attract more passengers."



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Hotel empire expands

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THE BIG INTERVIEW

A ONCE-derelict, rundown Dover hotel is set to reopen next week after an exhaustive six-month, multi-million-pound makeover.

The former Churchill Hotel, which arcs gracefully along the seafront, was still very much in the 'building site' stage when I visited on Monday.

Dozens of landscape gardeners, interior decorators, plasterers, plumbers and electricians were hard at work upon my arrival, using the temporary collapsed cardboard box and carpet cuttings walkways placed throughout the hotel to get from one room to another.

I had assumed that with just 10 days to go until the Churchill is rechristened the Best Western Dover Marina Hotel and Spa on Thursday, March 24, that the final light fittings would be being screwed into place.

There is an awful lot of work to be completed before the big day, so much so that if I were in charge I would be perilously close to panic stations at this point.

Importantly, the man who is in charge, K Rajamenon, is unfazed by the task ahead. He greets me in the lobby, at the heart of the hotel, before leading me on a brief tour.

The Sri Lankan sidesteps a team of interior designers busy hanging wallpaper to show me an empty, uncarpeted room where the hotel's coffee shop will soon reside.

When our touring party – made up of senior hotel staff and Rajamenon's brother, fellow hotel director K Rajaseelan – finally settle in a finished suite to carry out this interview, I ask how he's feeling about the big day.

"I'm very excited," he said. "We're working 24 hours to get the work done. I just hope the weather doesn't let us down."

That Rajamenon's main concern is the unpredictable British weather gives a good measure of the man. He is sure the hotel, the third taken on by his and Rajaseelan's Leaf Hotels, will be an unparalleled success.

His confidence is well merited. The group's other two concerns have been turned around, while Rajamenon's eight care homes are also profitable.

All this has been achieved from the modesty of a part-time job working in a service station.

LEAF Hotels director K Rajamenon has certainly made the most of his business studies degree during the past three decades.

The Sri Lanka-born businessman stopped working part-time at a petrol station to manage three of them.

He then turned his hand to amassing a string of care homes across the county and has now set his sights on doing the same in the hotel industry.

Rajamenon's latest venture, the former Churchill Hotel, will reopen next week as the Best Western Dover Marina Hotel and Spa. He spoke to SIMON ROBINSON about the grand launch event and his plans for the future.



K Rajamenon

Rajamenon said: "I came to the country 30 years ago for further education. I completed a business degree at London South Bank University while working part-time in a service station.

"When I finished studying I decided to start running service stations and was in charge of three for 17 years. At this point Tesco came into the market and were looking to take it over, so I thought, 'Where am I going to go?'"

"I had an opportunity to get into care homes as my older brother was running them in Kent, so I started my first one in 1997. I've now got eight under the name of First Choice Care Homes."

NOT content with developing a care home empire, Rajamenon soon set his sights on the hotel industry.

He said: "We got the opportunity to buy a hotel in Dover and began trying to run it as an independent venture called Dover Court. It was difficult to run without having a brand behind it.

"So we found a partner in Ramada and spent £2 million refurbishing it and upgrading it from a three to a four-star hotel. It became successful and is now running at full capacity.

"Buoyed by that we went looking for more. Three years ago we bought what is now the Holiday Inn Express in Canterbury.

"It was managed badly and not efficient. We made that successful and are now looking at building more rooms."

Last year, Rajamenon and Rajaseelan began work on adding hotel number three to the chain.

The hotel will soon boast 81 bedrooms, three conference rooms, a restaurant and bar, coffee shop and ice cream parlour.

Rajamenon said he was instantly attract-

ed to the hotel, despite it being in a state of disrepair.

"As soon as we heard this hotel was closing we picked up the phone and put in our bid. We wanted it because of its prime location – 14 million passengers pass through this port each

MY TOP TIPS

- Avoid hierarchies. Keep reporting lines simple and always ensure that you are seen as an approachable leader of your company.
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year. We only need one in 14 to stay here to run at full capacity. Even if they only pop in for a coffee it's good for the business.

"There is no risk involved here. The previous owners didn't invest in the property and that is the only reason they failed."

While Rajamenon was clearly impressed by the financial outlook for his latest acquisition,



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DOVER BEACH: The hotel is opposite the revamped 'wave' esplanade on the seafront

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SITTING PRETTY: Dining room at the refurbished hotel



VISION: K Rajamenon outside the Best Western Dover Marina Hotel and Spa



MAGNIFICENT: Hotel's seafront location

he was keen to point out its role in the future of Dover and Kent.

"Dover badly needs quality, value hotels. It's got a lot of attractions and history but no decent places for people to eat or stay.

"At the moment people come for the day and then go back to Ashford or London or wherever. We're looking at working with other organisations to enhance and create reasons for people to come to Dover and stay in Dover.

"We're going out and waving this flag, trying to get Dover speaking with one voice.

"It is important to remember that you need to have prime hotels to attract big tourism events to the county – that's why this development is so key as it will give the area the

chance to bring more events like the Open golf championship to Kent.

"Visit Kent has acknowledged the county needs to increase quality bed stock ahead of the 2012 Olympics and has welcomed our investment as going some way to achieve that.

"Tourism minister John Penrose will be coming to officially open the hotel.

"His presence is an indication of the importance Government attaches to tourism – not just in Dover but in Kent and beyond. We hope the minister will be able to talk about his views on tourism development in Dover and Kent."

Rajamenon's combined Leaf Hotels and First Choice care homes empire has a

turnover of £6m and employs 500 people.

But this is just the beginning.

"We wanted to build two new hotels in Kent two years ago but had to shelve the plans," Rajamenon explained.

"One was set for the M20 while the other was going to be built in a major town. When market conditions get better we will go back to these plans. In two or three years' time we hope to roll all the family's care homes – 50 in total – under one umbrella, which will be the largest care home provider in Kent.

"That's also what we want with Leaf. We stand for quality and value and also believe in sustainable living, being green and investing in reducing our carbon footprint.

"We want to have the best hotels in the UK in terms of service."

Rajamenon is willing to get his hands dirty to achieve this dream.

"This is not a company where the directors sit in boardrooms and pass things off on to others. I'm hands-on, part of the team and always on the shop floor. There's no hierarchy here and everyone works as a team.

"With this hotel I'm project manager, so I'm here six days a week.

"I am a firm believer in surrounding myself with high-quality staff who are all approachable. We want to be the best in the UK and I think we can all rely on one another to get there."

Fertile ground for new investment

MTS Cleansing Services has invested £1.9 million on two revolutionary recycling machines.

The sewage disposal firm, based on the Kingsnorth works, near Hoo St Werburgh, has become the first company in the country to utilise the state-of-the-art composting units.

The 'HotRot' machines turn sewage grits and screening waste that would previously have gone to landfill into fertiliser in just 12 days.

They are expected to go online next month. MTS managing director Antony Crust said: "We have a fleet of 220 vehicles collecting sewage locally and across the South East from the main network run by the utilities as well as treatment farms.

"The waste we collect contains nitrogen and rather than dumping it we're going to be turning it into a valuable resource. If you compost it using the technology we're investing in, it turns into safe, odourless, eco-friendly fertiliser, just like the compost at DIY stores.

"Agricultural land will benefit, as will farmers, who love it, because it's greener and cheaper than chemical fertiliser. We already have a consortium with about 50,000 acres available to take anything we produce."

MTS has set up a sister company, Composting Facility Services (CFS), to run the composting side of its business and aims to buy a further four HotRot composting units in the next 12 months, enabling it to treat 27,000 tonnes of sewage a year. By



COMPOST CORNER: From left, Mark Moran (Santander Corporate Banking), Mike Norton (Vertex Law) and John Alder (Nash Harvey) inside one of the partially-constructed HotRot composters

the end of the decade CFS wants to have 50 in-vessel composter units across southern England.

MTS' plans have been backed by the Environment Agency, which has granted a permit to treat sewage waste in the new units.

Crust added: "I think the EA will be very interested in seeing the new composting plant in action. Although the technology has been tried and tested in New Zealand, it's new to the UK. The HotRot technology has some fantastic benefits, but you almost have to see it to believe it.

"We insisted on flying to New Zealand to witness the process for ourselves and were astonished that there was no unpleasant odour and that at the end of 12 days sewage

had been turned into a pasteurised product that you could handle with complete safety and that farmers are happy to apply to their fields.

"This is a very exciting development. We want to be financially successful but are also conscious of our environmental responsibilities. This represents a valuable new business opportunity, but one that reduces the miles our lorries travel and transforms a substance that used to be a problem into an eco-friendly substitute for chemical fertilisers."

MTS received funding from Santander Corporate Banking, financial advice from Maidstone-based accountants Nash Harvey, and legal advice from Kings Hill corporate specialists Vertex Law.

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Was the Bank right in keeping interest rates at 0.5 per cent?

I SUSPECT monetary policy remained at a crossroads, with the vote splitting four ways. But the era of ultra-loose monetary policy is drawing to a close. It remains to be seen whether the first hike comes in May, as markets expect, or August.

Stephen Boyle
Head of RBS Group Economics

YES, it is exactly the right decision for the MPC to make and I would personally not expect to see an increase in rates before June. Best estimates tend to suggest rates will be at around 1 per cent to 1.25 per cent by the end of the year.

Although inflation is double the Bank target rate, it's important to realise that the increase is within Bank forecasts and is sitting roughly where they expected it. There are various one-off hikes that have hit the system over the past 12 months – most notably an increase in VAT from 15-17.5 per cent in January, 2010, then a second to 20 per cent in January this year. These will not be repeated, so comparing next year's rates with this year's will see inflation drop back.

As a country we also were a net importer of deflation, and with the pound weakening this impact has reduced significantly. Couple this with commodity process and oil increases and inflation is perfectly understandable and justifiable, if somewhat concerning.

The Bank is fully aware of the impact any hike in rates will have on business confidence. Don't forget that it has the asset purchase scheme (quantitative easing) also in the system, as well as the option to reverse some of that to help quell inflation. What I do know is that the Bank is trying to get the message across to businesses that when rates do increase it will not represent the Bank putting the brake on – rather it easing off the throttle a little – 0.5 per cent is its foot full on the throttle of the economy, so even at one per cent this would still represent an incredibly low base rate.

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Interest rate held at emergency level

Rise likely in second quarter, says CBI expert

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THE Bank of England has held the interest rate at 0.5 per cent, in spite of a recent rise in inflation.

The Bank's Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) maintained the record low rate – which has not been raised since March, 2009 – despite pressure to counter inflation, currently at four per cent.

Three MPC members voted for an interest rate rise in February in a bid to bring inflation back down to their target of two per cent.

But rising interest rates increase the cost of borrowing, potentially tipping the UK economy back into recession.

CBI chief economic adviser Ian McCafferty said he thought interest rates would rise soon.

"MPC members continue to have widely divergent expectations about the outlook for inflation, so this decision comes as no surprise," he said.

"The short-term data continues to cloud the issue, but there are growing risks of inflation becoming more ingrained, as firms attempt to bolster their profit margins and employees seek higher wage rises in the face of sharply-increased costs of energy and commodities.

"The shifting pattern of MPC vot-



CAUTION: The Bank of England has kept interest low, despite inflation

ing suggests that these risks are an increasing concern, and we continue to believe that a move away from the emergency 0.5 per cent rate set during the financial crisis is likely in the second quarter.

"By acting early, the Bank can keep inflation expectations under control, preventing the need for more aggressive action later on."

The Institute of Directors' chief economist, Graeme Leach, added: "We believe the Bank of England was correct not to raise interest rates.

"The IoD has argued for some time that it would be dangerous to raise interest rates when broad money supply growth is so weak. To do so would risk a double-dip recession.

"This is a difficult time for the MPC, with inflation double the target rate and questions about the credibility of monetary policy.

"However, there are good reasons to believe that inflation will fall back sharply in 2012, and this consideration should drive interest rate policy, not the current rate of inflation."

Agent wants your feedback on report



BREAKFAST: Meet Bank of England agent Phil Eckersley

BANK of England agent Phil Eckersley will meet with Kent businessmen to discuss the implications of a key inflation report.

The South East official will hold a question and answer session at Kent Science Park (KSP) in Sittingbourne on Thursday, May 19 – 11 days after the Quarterly Inflation Report is published.

The interest rate has been held at an all-time record low of 0.5 per cent since March, 2009.

However, there is growing speculation that the Bank will be forced to raise the base rate in order to curtail inflation, which hit four per cent in February and is expected to continue to rise throughout the year.

Eckersley said he hoped the informal business breakfast would allow him to talk about what the Bank's interest rate decision means for the economy.

"The Bank of England recognises that there are a number of challenges facing businesses over the next couple of years as

the economic recovery gains momentum," he said.

"It is the Bank's role to set Monetary Policy in order to lay the foundations of a successful and stable revival. Meeting local businesses is absolutely central to our decision-making process and I'm delighted to be visiting KSP to talk about May's report."

KSP site director James Speck added: "Having Phil Eckersley coming to Swale to talk to business owners about the Quarterly Inflation Report is a fantastic opportunity for local business to influence decision making and I would urge as many people as possible to attend this event."

The free Q and A session will run from 8.30am to 10am.

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Price hike fuels stabiliser calls

Haulier believes crises in Middle East could push cost of diesel up still further

By **SIMON ROBINSON**simon.robinson@kosmedia.co.uk

HAULAGE company R Swain and Sons has said the recent surge in fuel prices has cost them nearly £700,000.

The Strood-based family firm's commercial director, Paul Burridge, said fuel expenditure had risen from £6.7 million to £7.4m.

He also warned that any further crises in the Middle East, particularly in countries that lead the way in terms of the world's largest fuel exporters, could see prices rise further still.

"The recent rise in fuel prices has affected us drastically," he said.

"We estimate that between 33 and 40 per cent of the cost of running a truck goes on fuel.

"So when fuel goes up by 15 per cent, immediately there are huge cost increases for us.

"Our forecasts showed we would be spending £6.7 million this year on fuel, but that was based on a price of £1.25 per litre.

"The price has now gone up by 10 per cent, which will take our expenditure to £7.4 million."

Last month the Federation of Small Businesses called on Government to introduce a fuel duty stabiliser.

In a report published on February 10, FSB bosses refuted Government claims that such a stabiliser was too



CONCERNS: Haulage company R Swain and Sons says the increase in fuel prices has cost it an extra £700,000 this year, and it may go up more

complicated and expensive to put in place.

Furthermore, the Federation went on to say that the rise in fuel duty and uncertainty over fuel prices would have a significant impact on small businesses, leading them to increase prices, freeze pay or lay off staff.

Mr Burridge said a stabiliser would be welcome, but urged Government to do more to help alleviate the cost pressures big fuel consuming companies are facing.

"We like the idea of Government

introducing a fuel duty stabiliser, but realistically, all we would like is for duty to be left alone," he said.

"Duty went up in January and is due to go up again in April. They can minimise the impact of fuel prices by not increasing duty.

"The recent increases in price have been driven by world events and speculation on the markets.

"If there are outbreaks of trouble in big fuel producers such as Saudi Arabia or Iran then the sky's the limit in terms of future fuel prices."

Heavy consumers urged to consider hedge contracts

HEAVY fuel-consuming companies are being urged to review their purchasing strategies after petrol prices topped £1.33 per litre.

Paul Saunders, managing partner at Clydesdale Bank's Tunbridge Wells financial solutions centre, said firms could use new fuel hedge contracts to save money.

Traditionally, these fixed price contracts have only been made available to customers with annual consumption over a high fuel threshold, but Mr Saunders said any company using even 50,000 litres a month should look into hedging.

"Now is a good time for businesses to review their fuel purchasing strategy and budgets, given the day-to-day price changes," he said. "SMEs in particular can take advantage of this solution by committing to hedging smaller quantities of fuel than have traditionally been possible.

"Businesses can take out contracts with a minimum length of six months with a fuel consumption of 50,000 litres per month hedged.

"The advantages for these fuel hedging strategies are the benefits of taking the guess work out of budgeting and relieving worries about possible sharp increases in fuel prices affecting cash flow.

"For businesses where fuel is a significant proportion of costs, any increase in price could have a highly detrimental effect on its profit margin."

The hedged fuel prices relate to the daily rates quoted by the Platt's index, which is a source of benchmark price assessments for



CAPTION: Paul Saunders caption caption caption caption

commodities like fuel and metal.

This hedged price is agreed at the start of the partnership between the company and the bank, and will not deviate with any changes in the market price over the term of the contract.

Mr Saunders added: "The reason fuel is such a volatile commodity is due to the exceptional economic circumstances the world finds itself in today.

"The raw material price is dependent on supply as well as the recovery of a number of high consumption countries. The raw material price is set in US dollars, which can add an additional element of volatility as the UK prices in sterling.

"These effects, combined with the restoration of VAT to 20 per cent and increased duty, explains why fuel prices are so high in the UK.

"Ultimately SMEs could stabilise their fuel purchases and be in a more secure position to manage their business."

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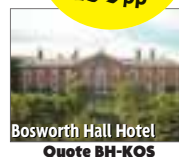
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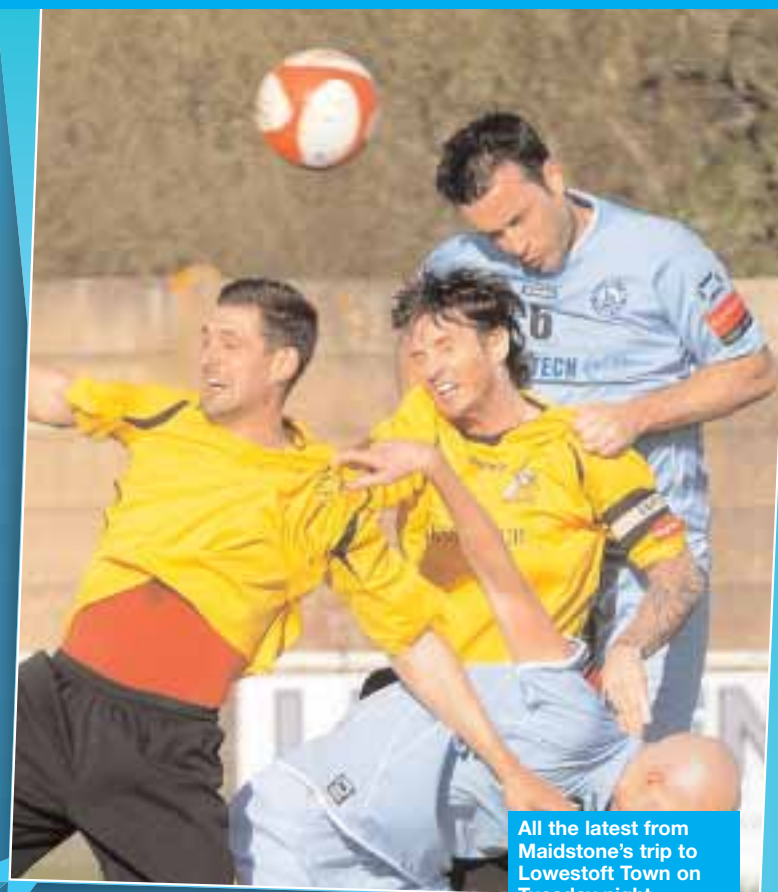


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